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Hong Kong Taunts China In Advancing Patten Plan

Ignoring New Threats, Colony to Send Reform Proposal to Legislature

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG — Ignoring renewed Chinese threats, the Hong Kong government decided Tuesday to push ahead with political reform of the colony's electoral system.

Hong Kong's cabinet was reported by govermment radio to have agreed to present to the legislature a stripped-down version of the dem-ocratic reform package proposed by Governor Chris Patten.

But a chorus of Chinese officials and Beijing-backed media warned that moves to pash ahead with such a plan could scuttle future cooperation between the two sides.

China warned again that unilateral changes were unacceptable.

The Chinese side will not accept any form of

unilateral decision on the elections until such an agreement is in place," Zhang Junsheng, deputy director of the official Xinhua new agency's Hong Kong branch, was quoted by the agency as saying. Directors of Xinhua in Hong Kong are China's de facto diplomats there.

China's top official responsible for Hong Kong, Lu Ping, told a Beijing-backed daily newspaper, Ta Kung Pao, that any bill introduced to local legislators without Beijing's approval would bring an end to long-running talks over Hong Kong's political future.

Despite the threats, Hong Kong radio reported that the 14-member cabinet, called the Exco-

urive Council, had approved plans to end the eight-month deadlock in negotiations and introduce the bill in the legislature, possibly as Soon as next week.

Mr. Patten; who presided over the council's meeting, said he would report to the 60-seat egislative Council on Thursday. Mr. Patten is widely expected to announce

that the government will introduce legislation covering the least controversial of his plans to broaden the voting base for future elections in the British colony.

He first offered his proposals in October 1992. They were initially ignored, then fiercely

attacked by China as contravening the spirit of ties concerning the end of British

In a strategy that rocked the confidence of local investors. Beging singled out British busi-ness interests while stalling essential discussions on major infrastructure projects in Hong

In April, after Mr. Patten had carried inrough on threats to list his proposals for consideration by the Legislative Council, tempers-cooled and Beijing agreed to discussions with Britain.

But apparent scant progress in 17 rounds of talks, growing community frustration with the impasse and a challenge to Mr. Patten's credibility has prompted Britain to return to the brinkmanship it first employed in April. In the most recent rounds of talks, Britain

had sought China's agreement to lower Hong Kong's voting age to 18, abolish a system by which many local municipal officials are ap-pointed and establish a one-vote, one-seat format for future elections.

-On the more controversial issues — the size of various functional constituencies, electorates organized along professional and trade group lines, and the right of legislators elected in 1995 to serve past 1997 — the two sides remain far

In the absence of a scheduled continuation of the talks, the so-called "simple" reform mea-Gures have gained the support of a slim majority of the legislators.

But the United Democrats, a party that has accused Britain of not pushing hard enough for See HONG KONG, Page 6

By T.R. Reid

nounced Keynsian economics and swore off the "drug" of deficit financing, Japan's economic strategists are once again firring with red ink in a struggle to revive the sick economy and the

staggering stock market.
Clearly stung by sharp criticism of their hands-off economic policy, leaders of Prime Minister Monibiro Hosokawa's government

suggested Tuesday that stimulative steps are in the offing. Media reports said that the cabinet is

considering a boost big enough to pill the budget into deficit — a step that had been considered taboo.

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The government's apparent reversal follows a dismal month in Kabutocho, Tokyo's Wall Street, and continuing bad news in the overall economy. The Tokyo stock market has plunged some 20 percent in the last two months.

After the biggest one-day drop of the year on Monday, the stock market rebounded about 2

percent Tuesday, with the most important stock average, the Nikkei, closing at 16,406.54. How-ever, analysts said words alone would not be

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At Wit's End on Economy,

Tokyo Considers Deficits



An Israeli soldier firing on Palestinian stone-throwers while his comrades sought better positions during heavy clashes on Tuesday in the Jabaliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip.

The Secret Out, Britain Is in the Mood for Peace

By John Darnton New York Times Service

LONDON -- The disclosure that the British government has carried on an indirect dialogue for months with the Irish Republican Army seems to have advanced, not derailed, the prospects for peace in Northern

Unlike the Middle East peace talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, the contacts between Britain and the IRA became public before the parties had reached an agreement. They were revealed by a Protestant unionist who hoped to destroy the initiative.

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Netherlands Expands

THE HAGUE (AP) — The Dutch upper house approved legislation Tuesday that gives the Netherlands one of the world's most liberal enthanasia policies.

While not legalizing mercy killing, the

legislation sets a reporting requirement

and guidelines that will guarantee physi-

cians immunity from prosecution.

The practice has gained respectability in the Netherlands over the last decade.

The law stipulates that physicians must

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report the killings to authorities.

Mercy-Killing Policy

Instead, as Conservatives around Prime Minister John Major rallied to explain the need for keeping open a "channel of communications" to an organization they condemn

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as "terrorist," a new mood has descended apon Parliament and the government. Downing Street officials emphasized on

Tuesday that there were many chances for things to go wrong and that actual negotia-tions on the status of Northern Ireland were a

Mixed with misgivings and suspicions on many sides, there is an almost tangible feeling

It is almost as if once the secret story of the endeavor to negotiate surfaced, people began to envision ways to do it and what it would be like if it succeeded

"The disclosure puts positions out in the open and they become part of the political process," said Paul Arthur, a professor of politics at Ulster University.

On Tuesday, Mr. Major told Parliament that he would keep the "confidential channel of communication" open because it could play a useful part.

Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, denounced documents

doubtedly to maintain credibility with IRA fighters. But more significantly, he said he would "forgive" London and keep the dialogue going, "provided honesty replaced du-

that the government released as fakes, un-

At the same time, although there have been some acts of violence in Northern Ireland. including an attack Monday night on a policeman's house, there have been no major terrorist incidents leading to deaths for two and a half weeks Government sources said, however, that no

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U.S. Sends Out a Ray of Hope for GATT

By Paul F. Horvitz tional Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON -- Adding a small note of optimism to 11th-hour talks on world trade. Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, indicated Tuesday that Washington would offer unspecified trade concessions to conclude a global tariff-reduction agreement.

Mr. Kantor also welcomed as "very helpful" conciliatory comments made Monday in Paris by the French prime minister, Edouard Balla-

As Mr. Kantor prepared to depart for talks in Brussels on Wednesday with the European Community negotiator, Sir Leon Brittan, he

refrained from expressing overt optimism about the possibility for reaching an accord in the Urnguay Round of world trade talks before the Dec. 15 deadline.

"I'm not pessimistic." he said. "We'd like to make good progress in the next 72 hours. We believe it's possible."

As he has for weeks, Mr. Kantor stressed that the Blair House agreement between the United States and the EC on agricultural subsidies would not be reopened. But he made it clear in a briefing for reporters that there was "plenty of flexibility" elsewhere in the Uruguay Round framework to help lessen the blow of reduced

farm subsides on French farmers. One step

reportedly under consideration is an agreement to permit a slower implementation of the cuts.

Asked if the United States was willing to make any concessions to move to broad Uruguay Round agreement, Mr. Kantor did not specifically declare Washington's intentions. but he said that within certain requirements for a "good" agreement. "there is flexibility on all

This is the kind of atmosphere that negotiators in Europe and Asia hope will result in the last-minute concessions needed to secure an agreement, which will be overseen by the 115-

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Dozens Hurt In Clashes Across the Gaza Strip

Worst Unrest in Months, Fatah Says Israeli Army Agrees to End Manhunts

By Clyde Haberman

JERUSALEM - The Gaza Strip was jolted on Tuesday by its worst violence since the September agreement signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, with a teenager killed and dozens of people wounded as Israeli soidiers fired on stone-throwing Palestinian youths.

The uncommonly high number of casualties. along with fiery roadblocks and running battles in refugee camps and towns across the strip, were reminiscent of the worst days of the Palestinian uprising, or intifuda, which many Israelis and Palestinians had believed to be behind them.

Worried about violence spinning out of control and jeopardizing continuing negotiations over the September accord, Israeli Army commanders sought to cool the simmering crisis by meeting in Gaza with local officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization's main-stream Fatah faction, which is led from Tunis by Yasser Arafat.

Fatah officials said Tuesday night that the army had agreed to call off a hunt for PLO militants, which was the immediate source of the unrest, and to thin its forces in parts of Gaza. In turn, they said, they would urge armed members of their allied Fatah Hawks group to abide by a cease-fire that has been in place since September, if not with total success,

Israeli officials did not immediately confirm the Palestinian version. Given some of their earlier statements, it seemed unlikely that they would suspend all searches for militants suspected of killing Jews, whether from the Fatah Hawks or any other group.
Still. a scaling-back of army operations

seems likely if the government intends to ease tensions that were ratcheting up for the last week and exploded on Tuesday.

Reports from hospitals said that about 70 youths had been shot, mostly with plastic-coated bullets but also with regular ammunition in some cases. Most injuries were said not to be life-threatening, but some were serious, including those of a 15-year-old boy from the Shati refugee camp who died later.

By late Tuesday night, the army had not reported his death. Its count of wounded was 54, but its figures tend to be lower than the Palestinians' in such situations, and usually less

Lieutenant General Ehud Barak, the Israeli chief of staff, dismissed suggestions that the Palestinian uprising had returned in full cry. Nonetheless, the clashes that flared along the strip had the unmistakable look and feel of the days before September, when Israel and the PLO signed an agreement that was supposed to put an end to all that. In the Khan Yunis refugee camp, some wit-

nesses said that soldiers at one point fired at anything that moved. In the Jabaliya camp further north, Ahmed al-Azizi, 19, was seriously wounded when shot in the back with a plastic bullet. "I supported the peace deal before I was

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IBM in Europe: **An Ideal Match Hits the Rocks**

By John Burgess Washington Post Service
The factory in Berlin's Marienfeld district

opened in 1934, new evidence that the young International Business Machines Corp. was living up to the global pretensions of its name. For the first time, the New York-based company would manufacture outside of the United States. The product: the mechanical tabulator. IBM and Europe, it would develop, were an ideal match.

In ensuing years, the company built plants across the Continent, becoming its biggest computer maker. In the last two years, as the company's operations in the United States slipped toward crisis, its \$20 billion-a-year business operation across the Atlantic remained a star performer.

Today those days seem distant.

Marienfeld has few assembly lines today; most have been moved away in search of lower costs. The employee head count is down by hundreds. From a six-floor office at the site, located just a few hundred meters from the old East German border, remaining IBM employees focus on winning business in software and

In Europe today, IBM is reeling under double blows. Recession has led computer customers to cancel big-ticket orders. Possibly more serious, the desktop revolution that so savaged the mainframe-oriented company's standing in the United States is belatedly breaking out across the Atlantic.

In response, IBM has cut its payroll from about 100,000 people in 1988 to about 70,000 in about 100,000 people in 1988 to about 10,000 in 1992, including a few outright layoffs. It has closed factories, sold office space and frozen some managers' salaries. It is trying to shift away from manufacturing and toward such fields of greater return and lower competition as services and software.

"Today everyone has a sense of urgency," said Hans-Olaf Henkel, who will take over European operations in January. "We take aggressive actions."

But outside, some analysts wonder. "Their first reaction is denial," said Howard Anderson, managing director of the Yankee Group research organization. "Their second reaction is

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DON'T CALL HIM SIR GEORGE — Barbara Bush, Queen Elizabeth II and George Bush in London on Tuesday after the former president received Britain's highest honor for a foreigner: He became an honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

Bush's Boys: Elections Run in the Family

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

NEW YORK - At a campaign stop at Olin Ordinance, a weapons factory in Saint Peters-burg, Florida, Jeb Bush talked to the employees about how he would like to abolish the Florida Department of Education and impose tougher penalties on teenagers caught with guns.

Then the Republican candidate for governor asked if there were any questions.
"You're familiar with the Skull and Crossbones Society?" Jackie Miller, a secretary,

asked. "I mean, Skull and Bones." "Yeah, I've heard about it." he replied drily, about the Yale secret society to which both his father and grandfather belonged.
"And you're familiar with the Trilateral

Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations?" she asked. "Yeah," the candidate said, in a weary voice.

"Well, can you tell the people here what your family membership in that is?" she demanded. "Isn't your aim to take control of the United In its own surreal way, the moment perfectly

captured the difficulties faced by Jeb Bush, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor in Florida, and his older brother, George, who is involved in the same pursuit in Texas. Their father, George Bush, had been hit with

the same wacky accusation about being "a One World tool of the Communist-Wall Street internationalist conspiracy" in his Texas Senate bid

In his autobiography, the senior Bush wryly noted that one John Birch Society pamphlet went so far as to suggest that Barbara Bush's father, the president of McCall, was publishing a Communist manifesto, Redbook Magazine.

Jeb Bush told Ms. Miller politely that any amplication that his family wanted to under-

ine America's sovereignty was insulting. There are very few people who have served this country with the honor and distinction of my Dad," he said. As he rode afterward to another event, the

tall, slim candidate observed. "As the son of a famous person, I carry the pluses and minuses

Unlike John Ellis Bush (known as Jeb), 40, See CANDIDATES, Page 6

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enough to support the market for long. (Page 9)
Mr. Hosokawa's coalition government,
which won last summer's historic re-aligning election on a pledge to clean up political cor-ruption, has focused on such concerns since it took office in August. But the broad economic slump and the stock market plunge are now forcing Mr. Hosokawa to turn his attention to the economy. Commists and analysts who have warmly praised the new cabinet's political "reform

efforts are now denouncing it just as heatedly for ignoring the economy. An editorial in the Nihon Keizai Shimbun pinned a new label on Mr. Hosokawa: "The no-policy prime minis-

If Mr. Hosokawa does take on the role of economic repairman, though, his toolbox is not large. Many standard stimulative step, such as public works programs and interest-rate cuts, have already been tried to little effect in Japan's three years of recession.

An even bigger obstacle is the enormous resistance among professional budget bureaucrats to use a standard form of government riming: deficit financing to pour money into the economy.

The Japanese have not always been averse to deficit spending. Beginning in the late 1970s, the government ran up hig annual operating deficits that have left it with a fairly hefty

But in the late 1980s, with the economy blazing, the Ministry of Finance embarked on the kind of austerity program that some economists now recommend for the United States: steady tax increases, in real terms, coupled with

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In the 'Near Abroad,' Unfamiliar Roles for Russian Army

By Steven Erlanger
New York Times Service
DUSHANBE, Tajikistan — Most of the Russian Army may be reeling from the collapse of the Soviet Union and the blow to its professional pride, but it is boom time for Russia's 201st Motorized Rifle Division, stationed abroad in nominally independent Tajikistan.

The 201st, as a rear-echelon force in what was the Soviet Union's poorest republic, had been under strength for years by as much as 40 percent.

Today, however, it is in the midst of a large buildup, with an estimated 15,000 troops, 30 percent over strength. The great majority of these soldiers are not draftees, but volunteers on three-year en-

Third in a series

listments, and they are paid on time and extremely well. They earn the equivalent of \$109 a month, easily twice as much as their colleagues inside Russia.

The division has a lot of new trucks.

armored personnel carriers, and other equipment; plenty of weapons and ammunition, and a lake of gasoline when the country around it has almost none.

The soldiers are here with Tajikistan's agreement, to help protect its pro-Moscow government against rebels supported by Afghanistan and Iran.

Sergeant Artyom Brausov, 20, said that he came to this dangerous place as a volunteer, for the money. "We're paid many times more than a draftee, but there are greater demands," he said. "As a tank battalion, we get a lot of field training. We're professionals; we know

The 201st finds itself in circumstances that contrast markedly to the conditions of many of the Russian troops camped out all over the unstable former empire. In other places, they have been accused everything from political meddling and free-lance corruption to exercising a secret plan to refashion the Soviet em-

When the Soviet Union collapsed, a large part of its army was stranded outside the boundaries of Russia, U.S. officials estimate that at least 200,000 Russian troops are still based outside Russia - compared with 1.25 million inside most of them in the "near abroad," as the Russians call the former territories of the Soviet Union. The actual numbers are

charged that the Bosnian Serbs, acting with the consent of the two

international mediators, Lord

Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg,

future status of Sarajevo, which all

sides had agreed to discuss only

The spokesman, Mohammed Sa-

cirbey, said that the Bosnian Serbi-

an leader, Radovan Karadzic, had

vo." a move he described as "unfor-

tunately shameful and counter-

productive" to any prospect for

In Rome it was announced that

the United States would contribute

an additional \$150 million in win-

ter aid to Bosnia, The Associated

After a day of meetings in Gene-

va. indications were that the three

Bosnian parties were raising diffi-

cult new demands and proposals

which, if accepted, would amount

to what a conference source said

amounted to "potentially radical

All sides agreed that there had

that their negotiations had resumed

and would continue after a two-

The conference source said that

it was no longer even clear whether

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progress in the talks.

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Defense Ministry spokesman said.

The most visible contrast to the boom in Tajikistan is in Latvia and Estonia. The 20,000 Russian troops who remain, humiliated by Baltic independence and the loss of empire, are being hounded as they beat a slow and grumpy retreat. Officers are doing the work of enlisted men; any transport must be approved by Baltic authorities; army apartments are being nationalized as soon as they are vacant; retired officers are being prodded to leave; and serving officers who return to Russia have little or no housing wait-

If the number of troops abroad is uncertain, so is the degree of control Moscow exercises over them. As richly demonstrated during the recent political crisis in Moscow, when President Boris N. Yeltsin took on the parliament, he needs the support of the generals and is reluctant to cross them.

The defense minister, General Pavel S. Grachev, is regarded with only middling respect by his own officers and was criticized by Mr. Yeltsin for his lack of support during the confrontation with supporters of the hard-line parliament in October. Combined with weak central

'They don't like us here. We're outsiders. We're not only Russians, but we're Christians.'

A veteran soldier in Tajikistan

political authority, that leaves considerable room for both mischief and insubordination -- especially in the name of the 25 million ethnic Russians who live outside Russia but within the "near abroad." While Russian troops are supposed to be pulled back to Russia by the end of only because there is not enough housing

1995, no one expects that to happen, if for them. But the housing issue may also be an excuse. For there is a growing conviction among military leaders, justified or not, that some larger Russian empire will be reconstituted and that there is little point withdrawing troops

uncertain — "not for the press to have," a and rebuilding border defenses when Defense Ministry spokesman said. they will simply be moved back again in the near future.

According to Pavel Felgengauer, a military specialist who writes for the newspaper Segodnya, General Grachev said at an internal briefing on Sept. 14 that a decision had been made not to pull back to Russia's borders, but to maintain old Soviet borders, especially in Central Asia

and the northern Caucasus. "The military believes there will soon be some sort of reconstituted union," Mr. Felgengauer said. "It's not just imperial nostalgia, and it could be very danger-

Those attitudes cause considerable concern in the West over what Russia's policy really is toward the former Soviet Union. The West worries that what Russia considers "peacekeeping" in places ranging from Moldova and Georgia to Tajikistan is actually an excuse for restoring Moscow's sway - or at least its

If the Russian military is confused about its tasks elsewhere in the former empire, here in Tailkistan, with its long mountainous borders with China and Afghanistan, Russia has defined its interests. And the military has responded eagerly to clear instructions.

The civil war continues, between a hard-line government drawn from clans traditionally favored by the Soviet Union and a battered democratic and Islamic opposition supported by Afghanistan and Iran.

Mr. Yeltsin, mindful of Russia's 20 million Muslims, has said that Tajikistan's borders "are effectively Russia's" —its main barrier against the infiltration from Afghanistan of Islamic militancy, revolution, guns, and drugs.

One reason for "youngsters from Rya-zan and Smolensk" to be fighting and dying here, Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev said recently, is to stop the spread of "Islamic extremism in Central Asia," which Moscow fears threatens to infect Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan as

In the leafy streets of Tajikistan's capital, still under a midnight-to-5 A.M. cur-few, the soldiers of the 201st, with the Russian flag on their sleeves, are everywhere, giving Dushanbe the feel of a garrison town. But local residents are glad to have them, as the country tries to recover from a civil war in which as many

"It hasn't been easy in this crisis," said ... Lieutenant Sabir Rassulov, a 26-year-old who lives here with his wife and son, "But we're doing what we've been taught, trying to keep the peace." The 130,000 rubles (\$109) a month he cams as a professional is a big salary compared with the 22,000 (\$19) carned by Private Batyr Rakhimov, a 22-year-old local draftee. who is glad to get it.

"The situation isn't really calm," said Sergeant Denis Sannikov, 20, a three-

Confusion about military aims stems from the lack of strong lines of authority.

year contract soldier earning 100,000 rubles a month. "There are a lot of mood swings here," he said carefully. "It might

explode at any moment."

Andrei Kulikov, a private, earns nearly as much as the sergeants do. "I might sign up again," he said. "The pay is good, and m serving my country." Which country? He looked at his questioner with incom-prehension, then said: "Russia, of course'

Despite Tajikistan's formal independence, in fact it is now a client state of Russia. Moscow currently pays 70 per-cent of the Tajik national budget, Rus-sian officials and senior Western diplo-mats say, 25 percent more than it used to pay when Tajikistan was part of the Soviet Union.

We constantly feel the care and attention of Moscow and of the defense minister personally," the new commander of the 201st, Colonel Viktor Timofeyev, a Taiikistan-born Russian, said, "We don't feel estranged in any way."

The longer some soldiers are here, and the closer they are stationed to the Afghan border, however, the harder it can seem. A major in the Border Guards, who has been in Tajikistan for five years, mostly in the Pamir Mountains, did not want to give his name. "They don't like us here," he said. "We're outsiders. We're not only Russians, but we're Christians." The confusion about military aims elsewhere in the near abroad stems from

the lack of the strong lines of authority

the old Soviet Union. "The effort to build a civilian-led Defense Ministry has failed miserably," said Sergei Rogov, a military specialist, son of a general and deputy director of the Institute of U.S.A. and Canada, a Moscow research institute. "For this I blame Yeltsin, who believes that letting the military do what it wants is safer politically, so the

sian state. "Does the Russian government antho rize General Lebed in Moldova to do this or that?" he asked, referring to Lieutenant General Alexander Lebed, the com-mander of the 14th Army in Moldova, who has meddled in that former Soviet republic's politics. "Who courses the enerals in Abkhazia? Why reform when they can avoid it? The major impulse of the military is to resist change, as the bureaucracy does. But the military has a

army is uncoupled from the weak Rus-

Foreign Ministry officials - including Mr. Kozyrev - complain that too often it is the military that is making foreign policy, especially in the near abroad The armed forces have a foreign policy of their own," Mr. Kozyrev said recently. But viewed as a whole, there is little

coherence to a dangerous, transitional picture. Russian forces are regarded as saviors in Tajikistan, revanchists in Moldova, occupiers in the Baltics, and interventionists and hars in Georgia.

Some troops are stranded time-servers. despised by the locals and merely waiting for Russia to build them an apartment in which to live so they can go home. Some, as in Ukraine, have thrown their fortunes in with a new state, at least for now

Some, as in Moldova, have propped up a separatist, Communist pseudo-state as a way to preserve or enhance their status as local masters. In Georgia, Russian troops intervened on the side of rebel teed cease-fire, and then intervened again on Tbilisi's side once Georgia agreed to join the Commonwealth of Independent States and legalized the presence of Russian troops and bases.

In the North Caucasus, some simply sit and wait for Russia to figure out what to do with them, while engaging in various kinds of business, including selling their own weapons or deserting to fight as mercenaries in local conflicts.

WORLD BRIEFS

Ukraine Wants Atom-Arm Payments

KIEV (Renters) - President Leonid M. Kravchuk, facing U.S. discontent over his arms policy, said Tuesday that Ukraine saw former Soviet nuclear weapons as "material wealth" and had every right to compensation for giving them up.

We do not view nuclear weapons as weapons but as material wealth and we demand compensation for them," he told a conference of legislators from Black Sea nations. "We believe this is a normal demand," he said. "Any other country in our position would do the same. Mr. Kravchuk made his comments a day after President Bill Clinton

expressed "unhappiness" with the Ukrainian parliament's conditional radification this month of the START-1 arms pact. Parliament said the 1991 treaty applied to only 42 percent of the more than 1,600 strategic warheads in Ukraine.

Ex-KGB Chief Alleges NATO Scheme MOSCOW (AFP) — The former head of the Soviet KGB testified

Inesday that he and 13 other top Soviet officials attempted a coup d'état in August 1991 to thwart plans by Western governments to impoverish and dominate the Soviet Union.

Vladimir A. Kryuchkov, 69, said he had received reports that NATO states had divided the Soviet Union into "spheres of influence" should it collapse and that the West planned to reduce the Soviet population from about 280 million to 150 million within 30 years.

He was the first alleged plotter of the aborted coup to testify in the trial that opened last April Mr. Kryuchkov and the other defendants are charged with conspiracy to seize power, a charge that carries the death penalty. He added that intelligence reports channeled to him outlined plans for Western countries to exploit natural resources in the Soviet Union for their own ends.

2 Kurdish Groups Banned in France

PARIS (Reuters) - France, in a joint crackdown with Germany, banned two Kurdish groups on Tuesday that it said were front organiza-tions for the separatist Kurdish Workers Party.

Interior Minister Charles Pasqua said the government had dissolved the Kurdistan Committee and the Federation of Kurdistan Cultural Associations and Patriotic Workers. He said the groups were the legal front of the Kurdish Workers Party "which in France, as in other European countries, carries out terrorist or criminal actions which we

Bonn Warns Far-Right Civil Servants

BONN (Combined Dispatches) - The government threatened Tuesday to dismiss soldiers, mail carriers and other civil servants who belong to the radical-right Republican Party.

News reports have linked some members of the party to violent neo-Nazi groups. The ministry said that if suspicions hardened that the Republicans were involved in illegal deeds, civil servants who did political work for the party could lose their jobs. Burghard Schmanck, a teacher at a high school near Dortmund who founded an association of Republican civil servants, said many government workers had been signing up. He did not provide precise figures.

(AP, AFP)

TRAVEL UPDATE

L.A. Issues Ultimatum to Airlines

WASHINGTON (LAT) — Officials at Los Angeles International Airport have notified airlines that those refusing to pay increased landing fees will be prevented from using the airport starting at midnight Friday. Passengers, however, are being told by the airlines that they expect to resolve the issue without disrupting service.

The Airport Commission and the City Council have tripled the fees charged for landing at the airport, and 75 airlines that account for 90 percent of the flights at the airport have refused to pay the higher charges. Los Angeles city officials and airline representatives have agreed to meet

The city has insisted the airlines pay the full fee, even if under proty-The fees were raised from 51 cents per 1,000 pounds (450 kilogram: \$1.56 per 1,000 pounds or the equivalent of \$900 for a Boeing 747. Et major sirports charge higher landing fees: La Guardia (\$3.50) a-Kennedy (\$2.40), both in New York; Newark (\$2.37); Seattle (\$2.0 Chicago's O'Hare (\$1.89); Denver (\$1.76); Dallas (\$1.75); and Bosto

Britain plans to tax departing airline passengers next year. Airports will charge £5 (\$7.50) a ticket to depart for points in Britain and the European Community. Travelers will pay £10 when they take off to other countries. The tax takes effect in October.

Sabena, the Belgian airfine, has announced plans to operate a joint flight with Delta Air Lines between Brussels and New York. Under the accord Delta will acquire a block of seats on Sabena's daily flight between New York and Brussels starting Jan. 16 if the plan is approved. (UPI)

A young robber shot a Dallas man in the face in Mianul when he and his se wife stopped at a filling station in their rental car on the way to the Mianul of airport, the police said. James Latorre was listed in good condition at a little with the police said. James Latorre was listed in good condition at a little with the said a low who looked "shout 13" memed the car door. local hospital. He said a boy who looked "about 13" opened the car door, the boy shot Mr. Latorre and escaped.

Travelers to Italy with disabilities can get help from the Italian State Railways. The free services, first offered in 25 stations in 1989 and now available in 126 stations, include assistance in getting on and off trains, purchasing tickets and making reservations at the stations. (NYT)

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shot today," he said later at a bospital. "The way I saw the soldiers

shooting, I can never believe the Israelis want peace." The latest fronbles in Gaza have their roots in the army's pursuit of randomly thrown out a net in the armed militants from various hope of catching whomever they groups including those of the Fa-

tah Hawks, who Israel says number several dozen. Fatah supporters were angered by capture of their leader on Monday and the killing on Sunday of a member who had supported by the support of ber who had recently renounced the use of weapons and who army offi-

The main north-south Al excers now say was gunned down in-advertently while he stood with a group of other Fatah Hawks.

To Eastel Tarah Hawks. pressway in France was cut in both directions in the morning by 20kilometer lines of trucks that stretched from south of Lille as far as Bapaume, northern France, Most of the accidents occurred

anger raises questions about whether their leaders can hold them in check. Israeli military and political

leaders deny having targeted mili-tants allied with the PLO or having (iii for the planned start of Pales self-rule in Gaza and the West

But the Israelis also insist that they are not about to stop tracking down Palestinians with "bloody

To Fatah supporters, the Israelis' chasing of Fatah Hawks is a violation of cease-fire understandings and a provocative last-minute hunt of a "war of nerves" intended to at slow speeds, and there were few before the scheduled start of a influence the outcome of talks now

IRA: Disclosure of Talks Advances Prospects for Peace



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USA: TOURNEAU, NEW YORK

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spond to the atmosphere in both London and Dublin and even to

in public attitudes. In Dublin on tmessages back and forth for 10 party could only dream about. Saturday, the Irish Times published a survey showing that for the first time a slight majority in Ire
The British government began

private assurances of a cease-fire had been given.

Constant, support for insisting that he was gropi to make progress. On Britain is low among both the lin the House of Britain is low among both the lin the House of the line of the l Conservative and Labor parties, The pragmatism of Mr. Major with only 18 percent holding that and Mr. Adams seems to correview overall.

In Northern Ireland, with the some extent in Belfast. A surge of Protestant majority largely fearful Ireland favoring continued union violence in October, which was about loosening ties with Britain, with Britain, the Ulster Unionist touched off by an IRA bombing the attitudes are more complicated. Party, led by James Molyneaux, and retaliatory assassinations by But even there, where the greatest held its fire. Mr. Molyneaux struck Protestant militants and resulted in nightmare is that the British gov- up an alliance with Mr. Major in 27 deaths, set off a wave of revul- ernment will strike a bargain with July, when his party's nine votes sion that revived interest in peace. the IRA and leave, the reaction to were needed to pass the Treaty on Polls suggest significant swings and the IRA had sent scores of joyed a leverage that such a small

caught dissembling about the con-tacts, having insisted that nothing

In the House of Commons on Monday, speaker after speaker rose to proclaim the need to end the 25year conflict.

The British government began moderate Unionists can go down land favored changing a constitu- by defensively admitting to the setional claim upon the territory of cret contacts and ended up by althey trying to preserve their lever-Northern Ireland into something most brageing about them. The age in order to use it to scattle any more vague, an "aspiration to Irish fact that Mr. Major was obviously future talks at a more critical time?

In Britain, according to a poll of the sort was going on, suddenly compromise Mr. Major is willing to published three weeks ago in The seemed less important than the fact make.

reports of injuries. (AFP, Reuters) troop withdrawal in 13 days. Their under way in Cairo. Wiesel to Meet Attali (No Problem!)

By Barry James

PARIS - His accusation of plagiarism still stands, but Elie Wiesel said Tuesday he was ready to meet Jacques Attali, the downfallen international banker, in Paris in two weeks.

The Nobel-laureate author said in a telephone interview from Boston that he had not retracted his accusation that Mr. Attali lifted conversations he had with President François Mitterrand and in-cluded them in his book, "Verbaim," earlier this

Nevertheless, he said he would be prepared to meet Mr. Attali at a meeting of the Universal Academy of Cultures in Paris on Dec. 16 and 17. Mr. Wiesel is president of the academy and Mr. Attali, a former close aide of Mr. Mitterrand's, is one of its members.

"I did not want to practice any exclusion." Mr. Wiesel said. At the same time, he added, he did not wish to be involved in an "undignified" dispute with Mr. Attali. He said Mr. Attali had not explained why he

used the supposedly private conversations, to which he had access as a presidential adviser.

Mr. Wiesel still plans to include the conversa-tions in a book he is writing. But he said that their prior publication had doubtlessly damaged the prospects of his manuscript, a joint project with Mr. Mitterrand. "It hurts our project, but we will continue," he

said, adding that he had had several subsequent conversations with the president. Mr. Attali, who was forced to resign in June as

president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development amid heavy criticism of his performance, described "Verbatim" as a day-byday account of what he heard as Mr. Mitterrand's closest adviser between 1981 and 1986. He acknowledged later that he had incorporated discussions between the president and Mr. Wiesel in his book as though they were conversations he had

Although Mr. Wiesel's Paris publisher talked last summer of taking legal action, it has not yet

Mr. Wiesel says Mr. Mitterrand supports his position that Mr. Attali should excise the 40 passages he is alleged to have plagiarized, and apolo-

As Factions Trade Accusations By David B. Ottaway there would still be a "union" of After the Bosnian Croats and Washington Post Service three ethnically based republics. Serbs had agreed to the plan, the GENEVA - Hopes for a break-He said that given what ap-peared to be a declining interest in down at the last moment, demand-Bosnian government turned it

through in talks among the three Bosnian factions were dashed even a loose union it was possible ing 3 to 4 percent more land for a the three factions would simply go Tuesday as the Bosnian Serbs and Croats accused the Muslim-led their separate ways. Both President Slobodan Milogovernment of raising unacceptsevic of Serbia and President been no further talks over the past able new demands. A Bosnian spokesman, in turn,

Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, who held two separate meetings on the the three Bosnian factions back toside, left for home, leaving the three gether on Monday. Bosnian faction leaders to continue their negotiations with Lord Owen and Mr. Stoltenberg.
While Mr. Milosevic said negotihad reopened the old issue of the

ations had been "constructive," Mr. Tudiman attacked the Rosnian a strip of Croatia's coast on the

The splitting of Croatian national territory is not acceptable," The Muslim demand had "not

only delayed the talks but led them backwards," he said. Later, Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic of Bosnia made it clear that his Muslim-led government indeed wanted sovereignty over at least "a few kilometers" of the Croatian coast, arguing that Bosnia had been

a maritime state "over 1,000 years and it shall continue to be a mari-In September, the three sides came close to signing an agreement that included a detailed plan giving the proposed Muslim-based repubbeen no progress beyond the fact lic access to the Adriatic and the use of leased facilities at the Cro-

atian port of Ploce. It also provided

for the partition of Bosnia into

three ethnically based republics

loosely bound together.

Meanwhile, the conference spokesman, John Mills, defended

Muslim-dominated republic. Despite the fear of a catastrophe

in Bosnia this winter, there had

two months until the EC brought

the reassertion of the issue of Sarajevo's future status into the discussions. He said the fate of the Serbbeseiged Bosnian capital had government for demanding not always been regarded as an "essen-only access but "sovereignty" over tial issue."

■ U.S. Will Give More Aid

The Clinton administration Tuesday contributed an additional \$150 million in winter assistance to Bosnians but withheld any promise of military action. The Associated Press reported from Rome

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher announced the aid increase at a security conference of 53 European nations and said the United States was ready to double its daily relief flights to Sarajevo.

He said the United States also was prepared to begin flights to Tuzla in eastern Bosnia but said made that impossible by keeping the airport closed.

"This winter the snows have come early to Bosnia and the humanitarian crisis has deepened." Mr. Christopher said. However, Mr. Christopher did

not threaten military action against the Serbs. He said in August that could be the result if relief were A senior U.S. official said shell-

proved" throughout Bosnia-Herze-Mr. Christopher insisted that the sanctions against Serbia be maintained until negotiations produced



The Brussels airport was also

closed on Tuesday due to heavy

snow and icy weather, a spokes-woman for the national airline Sa-

bena said. She said snow had fallen

on top of ice on runways, making landings and takeoffs dangerous.

Snow and icy rain caused traffic jams Tuesday in Brussels and on roads leading out of the capital.

"As soon as we de-ice the planes,

Icy Conditions Snarl Europe Traffic

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
PARIS — Freezing rain forced airports later in the day after the closure of Paris's two airports ground crews struggled to clear on Tuesday and turned roads into skating rinks around the capital. Dozens of minor road crashes were reported in northern France, the rain freezes them up again," an Belgium and southwestern Nether- airport spokesman said ing of Sarajevo had fallen off and "the fact is the situation has im-

lands, where canals and rivers Incoming flights to Paris were at froze. One man died in the Netherands after falling through thin ice. dam, Brussels, Loudon and provin-Rain that fell on frozen road sur- cial airports in France, but later faces in Paris left a treacherous began to land in Paris. Delays were layer of ice and trucks and cars expected for outgoing flights as the careered into each other, blocking two Paris airports tried to catch up

with the backlog. Air traffic gradually resumed at Lille airport was closed.

Guardian, support for insisting that he was groping for some way

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Inside: Drive to Aid Homeless Outside: Vagrant Dies in Sleep

By Jason DeParle

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Inside the headquarters of the Department of The Same Line Housing and Urban Development, Secretary Henry G. Cisneros was reminding a meeting of subordinates that reducing homelessness

.was his agency's top goal.

Outside, 10 stories below, the police were carting away the body of a homeless woman who had died overnight at the bus stop across the

A dead homeless person at the doorstep of the nation's top officials on homelessness: There are people who would see that as a metaphor for the government's failures, and Mr. Cisneros is among

The death Monday of the woman coincided with a battle with White House budget officials over the secretary's desire to double the housing agency's annual budget on programs for the homeless, to \$1.5 billion.

"You could describe me as a secretary who's shamelessly describing the death of this woman while talking about budget increases," he said in an interview later, "but I'm told there were homeless people outside who knelt in prayer at this woman's body. So when I raise my voice in search of funds, I know I'm not alone."

Democrats last year were scathing in their depiction of President George Bush as out of touch with America's grim realities, and Mr. Cisneros has gone as far as spending the night in a homeless shelter in New York to show he was not But on Monday he needed no field trip to grasp the harshness of city streets. Word of the death traveled through the department as fast as

Outside, little could be learned

A New Effort to Find AIDS Drugs

is recruiting AIDS experts from government, in-

dustry and academia for a new effort to speed the

discovery of drugs to stop the epidemic, which is

killing an average of 92 people a day in the United

"It is time to refocus and re-energize our best

minds for a concerted attack on this killer," Secre-

tary of Health and Human Services Donna E.

Shalala said Tuesday in announcing a National

Task Force on AIDS Drug Development.
She unveiled the initiative at the National Insti-

tutes of Health on the eve of World AIDS Day,

which is Wednesday.

Dr. Philip R. Lee, assistant secretary for health

and head of the Public Health Service, is to lead the 15-member panel. The task force will include

members from AIDS-affected communities as well

as researchers, whom Ms. Shalala will select later.

laboration among leaders in the field," she said in a

"This represents unprecedented high-level col-

The task force will have "a clear and critical

mission: to identify and remove any barriers or

obstacles to developing effective treatment," Ms.

Sayings and Loan Nominee Quits

WASHINGTON - Citing an anonymous death threat and opposition from a key senator,

President Bill Clinton's choice to head the savings

and loan cleanup withdrew Tuesday from consid-

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration

about the woman who had died on a bench, beneath a blanket, sur-rounded by shopping bags and car-rying medication. Quintin Peter-son, a public information officer at the Police Department, described the woman only as "a person with no fixed address" who seemed to autopsy will be performed, the po-lice said. have died of natural causes. An

Sharon Maeda, a deputy assistant secretary for public affairs, said she frequently passed the woman near a subway stop and chatted with her outside the HUD

She was very polite and did not show the outward signs of being mentally ill or being on drugs or anything like that," said Ms. Maeda, who added that she had encouraged the woman to enter a shelter earlier this fall. "I told her it wasn't safe for her to be out alone as a woman. She said, well, she knew that, but she said she could take care of herself."

The woman was identified by the police as Yetta M. Adams, 43, known around the area as Brenda. Another HUD employee, gazing out a headquarters window on Monday afternoon, grew sardonic mon occurrence in many cities, and counting seven police cars, five transit authority cars, two police motorcycles, a fire truck and an mated remains. ambulance at the death scene.

many resources a person gets after impatient as the advocates who they die - not a fraction of that have attacked the agency over the utes" beforehand," she said.

The vendors who line the side—"I don't think we have the right walk where the woman was found to feign surprise," said Andrew M. his advisers had recommended

tion Trust Corp.

Kim Tien, who runs a hot dog stand nearby, said the woman had been carrying four shopping bags of belongings and wearing a money belt with bills, change and half a dozen vials of the medication.

Antonio Johnson, 37, paused from a day labor job distributing handbills to add to the street-cor aer enlogy. He said that the vials were for blood pressure medication and that the woman had no history of the mental illnesses that can drive people to the streets.

Mr. Johnson said the area, filled

mostly with government buildings. sandwiched between a rail line and an Interstate highway, was popular with homeless people because of its safety. He said that Brenda even used to sleep on the grates there with a 3-year-old son, Darnell, although no on could confirm that

The ciry has been closing some of its shelters, and many homeless people say the remaining ones are too dangerous to enter.

There is no way to know how many homeless people die in a year -or how many die of emposite as opposed to disease. But winter deaths of street people are a comadvocates have even appeared be- aroused by his meeting last week fore Congress carrying their cre- with Salman Rushdie, President

But on Monday, HUD officials "It's just strange to see how sounded every bit as angry and past decade.

say she had been lying under a Cuomo, an assistant secretary who blanket throughout the early morn- oversees the department's homeing as commuters streamed past. lessness programs. "This nation has been condemned as blasphe-Finally, about 9 A.M., a city transit has not remedied the situation in mous throughout the Islamic supervisor stopped at the bus stop more than a decade. If this is alworld, shelter and tried to shake her lowed to go on more and more lowed to go on, more and more people will die."

The nominee, a Florida real estate executive,

Stanley G. Tate, ended his four-month struggle to

win Senate confirmation as president of Resolu-

At a news conference, he said he had sent Mr.

Clinton a letter on Tuesday asking that his nomi-

nation be withdrawn. He said he had made the

decision after it became apparent that Senator

Donald W. Riegle Jr., Democrat of Michigan and chairman of the Senate Banking Committee,

"I have absolutely no knowledge or information

as to why Senator Riegle will not meet with me, or

why he obviously does not want me to become the chief executive officer" of the agency, Mr. Tate

In the letter, Mr. Tate complained of anony

mous attacks from Resolution Trust employees.

reported by news organizations, and he said he had received two threatening telephone calls. In the

James S. Brady, the former White House press

secretary who has been confined to a wheelchair

since he was seriously injured in the assassination attempt against President Ronald Reagan in 1981,

as President Clinton signed the gun-control bill that carries his name: "Twelve years ago, my life

was changed forever by a disturbed young man

with a gun. Until that time. I had not thought

about gun control or the need for gun control. Maybe if I had done so, I wouldn't be stuck with

would refuse to hold a nomination hearing.

said in his seven-page letter to the president.

said, "Tell Tate he is dead."

Quote / Unquote

these damn wheels."



Clinton 'Meant No Disrespect' to Muslims

By Douglas Jehl

against his meeting Mr. Rushdie, whose book "The Satamic Verses"

Mr. Rushdie, which the Iranian religious leadership has refused to lift since the ayatollah's death.

In an angry response to the White House meeting, the head of Iran's judiciary, Avatollah Mo-hammed Yazdi, labeled Mr. Clinton "the most hated man before all the Muslims of the world."

But even secular Muslims in Middle Eastern countries, including leaders of the New Wafd Party in Egypt, have described the meeting as an insult to Islam at a time when the Middle East peace process has reached a crucial juncture. In publicly describing his conversation with Mr. Rushdie for the After its publication in 1989, first time on Tuesday, Mr. Clinton.

his foreign policy advisers had re- Warren M. Christopher and with garded the meeting as too risky. W. Anthony L. But administration officials said curity adviser. later that opposition had come from Middle East experts at the

State Department. Mr. Clinton said he had met with well-being and the right to speak of when he was here." those with whom we may intensely disagree."

derstood," he said. "I believe I made the right decision."

Mr. Rushdie, who has lived a Ayatollah Khomeini, met for more

leaders, would not say who among Nov. 24 with Secretary of State W. Anthony Lake, the national se-Mr. Clinton nodded somberly

when asked about the criticism the meeting had prompted, and said: "To be frank, there was some divi-Mr. Rushdie to "reaffirm our com- sion among our people about mitment to protecting the physical whether I should see Mr. Rushdie

But he portraved himself as one "I hope that I will not be misun- decades to learn more about the Islamic world.

"I respect the religion and I respect the culture enormously, so I mostly underground existence mean no disrespect to the people since being condemned to death by who have that religious faith." he

Of Guns to **Thousands** By Pierre Thomas Washington Post Service ... WASHINGTON — States with

Strict Laws

waiting periods and background checks for handgun purchases similar to those in the Brady gun-control bill have stopped tens of thouprohibited individuals from buying weapons through gun dealers, a random survey of states shows.

ground checks or similar waiting period programs in California, Florida, Virginia and Maryland have blocked more than 47,000 attempted purchases by persons who at the time were banned from buving firearms. The states are among at least 25 that now have some restrictions on handgun purchases similar to those included in the Brady bill, which President Bill Clinton signed into law on Tuesday. It is named for James S. Brady, the press secretary who was wounded when President Ronald Reagan was shot in 1981.

States with laws more stringent than the Brady bill can continue to use their current screening methods and waiting periods once the new federal law is in place. But the change in federal gun laws will reouire states with less stringent restrictions to move quickly to put into place the five-day waiting periwho had sought for more than two od and background check required under the Brady bill.

> reaching U.S. gun control measure enacted in at least a decade, will take effect in 90 days. The bill provides \$200 million to help states update and computerize their criminal records so gun dealers can conduct instant background checks.

ing to stop illegal street sales of weapons, in Virginia and Florida instant background checks have heiped the authorities screen out prohibited individuals as well as hundreds of fugitives wanted on other crimes.

stopped 658 people wanted on felony crimes from buying handguns, shotguns and rifles. Virginia, which uses a telephone check system to screen prospective buyers, reports 330 such thwarted sales during the same period.

"In the long debate about Brady. the focus was always on the waiting period," said a Bureau of Alcohol. Jack Killorin. "The key has always been the background check. The

law may have more impact than people think." been blocked since 1989 under the state's 15-day waiting period. Virginia has blocked 5,879 and Mary-

Federal and state gun laws gen-

ors and those deemed by a court to

Iran issued a death warrant against conference with Central American than an hour during his visit on

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Apparently in an attempt to calm the fury Bill Clinton said Tuesday that he "meant no disrespect" to the Muslim world and emphasized that he with the author at the White

who was appearing at a joint news

hear or speak). But the Greater Los Angeles Council on Deafness told him that deaf is "the preferred term." And a Netherlands diplomat said he wasn't offended by "Dutch treat."

Short Takes

to emergencies no longer need reach for their hats but can leave them in the car. Commis-sioner Raymond W. Kelly has ruled. Officers are still expected to wear the dark blue, eightpoint cap while on foot patrol, to enhance their look of authority. And they must wear the hats in situations that demand quick identification such as in crowds or on traffic

licemen no longer have to wear stiff, highgloss shoes on details where they have to stand for a prolonged stretch.

prison for ordering his 70-pound (32-kilogram) pit buli dog to attack his companion, Angela Kaplan, who bled to death after suf-fering more than 100 bites.

"deaf-mute" (say that an individual cannot | defendant apparently held Miss Kaplan, 28, as the dog attacked. The dog, kept alive as evidence during the

trial, must be destroyed because it was involved in a fatal attack on a human. When Mayor David N. Dinkins of New

a professor at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs, lecturing on urban policy. The university did not disclose his salary. It will be supplemented by his annual pension of about \$70,000 for his quarter-century in city and state jobs. As mayor, Mr. Dinkins,

York leaves office in January, he will become

66, made \$130,000. "I will be happy to answer to the name of Professor Dinkins," he said. "It has a nice

For years, Jennings and Mitzi Osborne of Little Rock, Arkansas, have caused traffic jams in front of their home with huge Christmas displays that twinkle with 1.6 million lights. Their neighbors have sued, demanding that they pull the plug. The Osbornes, who own a medical testing laboratory, started their show in 1986. They haven't disclosed their electric bill, but one year they blew a transformer and blacked out part of their affluent neighborhood.

The judge who is trying the case admon-ished all parties to "recognize the spirit of the season" and "keep tempers under control."

TOPICS

AMERICAN

Newspaper Decrees (Suggests)

Protestant, is now officially forbidden at the Los Angeles Times (may be pejorative, the Times cautions). So is "co-ed" (considered derogatory to female college students). And "Dutch treat" is out (an offensive reference to sharing expenses).

by a 22-member committee and issued by the editor, Shelby Coffey 3d. Howard Kurtz of The Washington Post reports that some staff members see much of the 19-page booklet as a parody of political correctness.

er: "I'm appalled that a newspaper would draw up a word list that is taboo." "This is draw up a word list that is taboo." "This is not about political correctness," Deputy Managing Editor Terry Schwadron said. "It's about being accurate and being fair."

One Times writer, Scott Harris, noted that the Times had banned the use of "deaf" and

New York City police officers responding

about responding to an urgent, life-threatening situation, only to have a supervisor penal-ize him or her by taking away a couple of vacation days because of a bare head. Commissioner Kelly also decided that po-

Prosecutors said evidence showed that the

Arthur Higbee

Foiled Sales

Since 1989, computerized back-

The legislation, the most far-

Although the laws can do noth-

Since 1991, Florida officials say their telephone check system and three-day waiting period have

Tobacco and Firearms spokesman. In California, 21,168 sales have

land 3,647 during the same period. Florida since 1991 has stopped

erally preclude firearm purchases by convicted felons, some people who have committed misdemeanbe mentally incompetent.

Mexico's Election Aim: A Seamless Transition

By Tim Golden

New York Times Service MEXICO CITY — In choosing Luis Donaldo Colosio Murrieta as the governing party's candidate to succeed him, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari has sought an achievement that has eluded many Mexican leaders before him: to ensure the continuation of his policies

long after he leaves office.

sidered seriously for the caudidacy, the differences of economic orientation and political ideology were far more shallow than those weighed by most Mexican presidents in the past. All of the contenders were senior officials in their early to mid-40s, American-trained students of eco-

Salinas was believed to have con-

American-trained sinderns to eco-nomics and skilled practitionings of Mexico's labyrinthine politics. All of them professed a deep faith in Mr. Salmas's vision of a new Men-Yet even in a relatively homogeneous group and even in a ritual selection process that upholds loylty to the incumbent as its essential rule, the 43-year-old Mr. Colosio, until Monday the secretary of social development, stood out for his unself-conscious devotion to

"Colosio grew ap politically un-der Salinas's wing," said Luis Ja-vier Garrido, an expert on Mexico's

the president's plans.

"Among the main contenders, he is the closest friend, the disciple, He is the one who at least most

NEWS ANALYSIS Among the four men whom Mr. ing office and turn from him upon

And it is to be expected that Mr. Colosio will take office. Since 1929, no presidential candidate of his Institutional Revolutionary Party or

For the moment, opinion polls suggest that Mr. Colosio, a Sono-ran, is a man whom his rivals on the Cevallos, will have to struggle mightily to beat. But Mr. Colosio's identification

with his political mentor tran-scends the fact that he oversaw the president's huge and cherished speaking style, or that he began on Monday to surround himself with key strategists of Salinas's econom-

governing party at the National Manuel Camacho Solis, the 47- strategy, its operative idea is that Autonomous University of Mexi- year-old mayor of Mexico City, change in Mexican politics should clearly promises to continue the Salinas legacy."

It is a deep tradition in Mexican politics to hall the king while seekseemed to question that commit- its support from citizens and their

should continue to advance."

its precursor has ever come close to iosing an election. tary and central bank official, was left and the right, Cuainternoc widely seen to represent a similar Cardenas and Diego Fernandez de promise. Mr. Colosio on Monday named Mr. Zedillo to manage his

Despite his public commitment to economic and political reforms, Mr. Colosio seemed to many observers to offer nothing so concrete. anti-poverty agency, the National Yet almost from the beginning of Solidarity Program, that he sometimes mimics the incumbent's pursued a strategy for the transformation of Mexican society that is perhaps the most ambitions of Mr. Salinas's goals and the least ful-

Mr. Colosio's closest competitor, As senior officials describe the

Some Words Are Off Limits.

The term "WASP," for white Anglo-Saxon

Also barred are "mailman" (many women hold this job), and "mankind" (humanity human beings and humankind are preferred). So say the new Guidelines on Ethnic, Ra-

"It's boneheaded," one said. Added anoth-

But a policeman need not worry any longer

Jeffrey Mann of Cleveland was convicted of murder and sentenced to 15 years to life in



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Away From Politics

An Ameriak passenger train from Tampa to New York slammed into a tractor-trailer stalled at a railroad crossing near Orlando, Florida, and derailed, injuring at least 45 people.

The U.S. Energy Department is paying the contractors it hires to clean up pollution at nuclear weapons sites a third more on average than private industry spends on comparable environmental

A houseless immigrant who made a fire to keep warm pleaded no contest in a Los Angeles court to starting a blaze that destroyed 118 homes in the post Altadena area. Andres Huang, 35, faces a maximum of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine. At least 34 boys were sexually abused by a dozen Roman Catholic priests over decades, a panel organized by the Franciscan order concluded in Goleta California. The abuse went on from 1964 to 1987 at St. Anthony's Seminary.

industry spends on comparable environmental projects, officials said.

• Countdown began in Cape Canaveral, Florida, for the mission to fix the Hubble Space Telescope. Forecasters gave only a 30 percent chance of favorable weather conditions for the scheduled 4:57 A.M. launching. Dr. Jack Keverkian was ordered jailed in Royal

Oak, Michigan, on a charge that he aided the suicide of a 72-year-old woman.

AP, NYT

was quietly but clearly inclined to center on the rebuilding of the defollow Mr. Salinas's economic crepit, 64-year-old governing party. Pulling away from the authoritarian labor and peasant confederasio has promised further democrat- tions that were its pillars in the ic reforms, but Mr. Camacho past, the party would work to draw

ment when he abruptly resigned his communities, particularly those post on Monday afternoon, saying where the Solidarity program has pointedly: "Democracy in Mexico been active. retary Pedro Aspe Armella, 43, em- larity and organizational strength bodied a commitment to continue are restored, the country could and deepen the country's economic move toward more equitable elec-

As the government becomes The man generally seen to have more accountable to Mexican votrun third for the job. Finance Seeers and the governing party's popureally knows the person who he toral competition without risking

tion of the party on Sunday night, however, Mr. Colosio showed no hesitancy about embracing the vision as his own. "I belong to the generation of change, the generation headed by Carlos Salinas de Gortari," he said. "If history teaches us any lesson

party's continued power; Mexico

which one party remains predomi-

In accepting the formal nomina-

chooses," one of Mexico's leading historians, Lorenzo Meyer, said Monday afternoon. "We cannot be sure if Colosio will be the continua-The dark horse of the four "precandidates," Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Léon, 41, a former budget secre-

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A Mixed Nuclear Cast

Again an American administration is nuclear club, and some countries have aban-weighing Pakistan's membership in the nucle-doned their nuclear ambitions voluntarily ar club. More concerned by an existential nuclear threat from India than by the hardship of a U.S. aid cutoff, Pakistan predictably built a countering nuclear capability. Now the Clinton team, while saying it intends to hang tough on Pakistan, wants to withdraw the law that forced it to cut off the aid (the Pressler amendment). It proposes a new law that would still impose sanctions on bomb-building states but would leave execution, including a possible waiver, in executive hands. It is more than a turf tussic. The Pressler amendment failed in Pakistan, but softening it conveys the symbolic message that the United States does not

care enough about new bombs. The way out lies in grasping why Pressier failed. It was a narrow political fix for a broad security problem. To remove Pakistan's stralegic equalizer without seeing that Pakistanis had equivalent security was a doomed effort. It put Washington in the awkward position of applying leverage to a friendly country — leverage reinforcing Pakistan's bomb-building judgment that Americans could not be relied on. And how would Pakistan get security equivalent to that ostensibly bestowed by a bomb? Either by an American guarantee or, more likely in the new age, by moving toward political accord with its threatening neighbor.

This is not, as it may at first sound, just some wildly impractical hope. In fact there are multiple doors from as well as to the new

doned their nuclear ambitions voluntarily -South Africa, Canada, Argentina, Brazil. With security guarantees, Washington induced Japan, South Korea and Taiwan to back off. And President Bill Clinton has been urging Ukrainian President Lconid Kravchuk to do something similar. With conventional strikes, Israel and then the United States spoiled Irag's bid.

profess to be prepared to conduct a discreet nuclear policy and even to reduce their nuclear works if those anxieties are effectively addressed. The rest of the world does not like seeing their fingers on a trigger, but rightly worries more about weapons in the hands of outlaw states North Korea, Iran, Iraq and Libya. North Korea is the tough case. It must be asked whether a fanatic regime devoted first to its own survival can be deterred and at some early point drawn toward a responsible policy by diplomatic means, or whether it will become necessary to go to a higher range of pressures

That is both the question and the choice — THE WASHINGTON POST.

Time for Plain Speaking

Judging from secret messages made public on Monday, the British government has no reason to spologize for exploring a peace overture from the outlawed Irish Republican Army. But Prime Minister John Major blundered gratuitously by denying that such contacts had taken place. Now there is a cloud of confusion over what was apparently a sensible effort to end the violence in British-ruled

In recent years, it has been the policy of British governments to shun any contacts with the IRA until it convincingly disavows violence. A startled Parliament and public now learn that Mr. Major's senior aides were secretly engaged in talks that conflicted with the declared policy. However defensible the purpose, the past denials left the country unprepared for a 180-degree turn in British policy.

If details divulged on Monday tell the

whole story, then Mr. Major has a good chance to contain the damage. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the secretary of state for Northern Ireland, is not known for deviousness. By his account, the British government in February received the first of a series of written and oral messages from the IRA signaling a serious readiness for a cease-fire. In the secretary's words: "The government had a duty to respond to that message. Peace properly attained is a prize worth risks."

The government's published response can not reasonably be faulted. Sir Patrick Mayhew insisted on private assurances that the violence had been brought to an end, reiterating that any political objective had to be

Nuclear weapons states Israel, India and Pakistan, all with plausible security anxieties,

and risks to contain an imminent danger.

facing the Clinton administration, and there is not a lot of time in which to deal with it. North Korea should be made to understand that in an important sense the choice is its to make, and that stalling around while going forward with its nuclear program is not one of the options.

achieved by constitutional means in which all parties would have a voice. Whether peace on

these terms would be possible with the IRA is open to argument, but undeniably there can be no peace without engaging its leaders.

The problem was less substance than the pretense that the widely rumored talks had not taken place. No doubt Mr. Major's political vulnerabilities led him to say that meeting face to face with the IRA would "turn my stomach." His Conservative Party relies on the parliamentary votes of nine members from Northern Ireland committed to permanent union with Britain. Although the Rever-

Unionists bodes well for the prime minister, and the peace initiative. Notwithstanding Mr. Major's stomach, previous prime ministers, both Conservative and Labor, have treated with the IRA. There were contacts in 1972 and 1975, which proved fruitless. As the bloodletting has continued, and as Protestant extremists have joined in the killings, the yearning for peace has grown stronger. New paths have been opened in Dublin, where the Irish government proposes removing clauses in the Irish constitution that

end Ian Paisley, speaking for the North's hard-line Protestants, assailed Mr. Major as a

liar, the calmer response of the mainstream

are anathema to the North's Protestants. Mr. Major has with some courage made peace in Northern Ireland a priority. But he has to bring the British people and their Parliament along, and that will require plain speaking without even a hint of duplicity.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Volkswagen's Short Week

ducer, will now shift its employees to a fourday week to share the work and avoid layoffs. The alternative, it said, was to fire nearly a third of its workers. The idea of sharing work has developed great appeal in Western Europe, where the unemployment rate is approaching 12 percent (it is 6.8 percent in the United States). Politicians throughout Europe have seized the idea of a four-day week as a device to hold down layoffs in the midst of a bad recession. Because Volkswagen's largest shareholder is the government of the German state of Lower Saxony, the company is more sensi-

tive to political and social opinion than most. But work-sharing is a dubious remedy, for reasons that Volkswagen involuntarily illus-trates. It is in trouble and needs to take drastic action. It will lose more than \$1 billion this year. Two major reasons are its wages, which are very high in relation to its competitors', particularly those in America and Japan, and its labor productivity, which is low. Under the new arrangement the workweek will be cut by 20 percent - to four days of seven hours and 12 minutes each — but, according to their union, employees' annual earnings will decline by only about 10 percent. The effect will be a further increase in hourly labor costs that

Volkswagen, the German automobile pro-neer, will now shift its employees to a four-tt is important to distinguish two different kinds of reasons for cutting working hours. As society gets richer, people will reasonably demand more leisure time as well as higher pay. That is good. In the United States, the consensus swung to a five-day week in the years immediately after World War II, and it is likely that at some time there will be a similar movement to a four-day week. In the meantime, employers are learning that there are large benefits both to themselves and to their workers in providing flexible schedules or shorter hours to workers who need them, as do many in a generation in which the twoincome family has become normal.

Shortening hours to spread work is a different matter. As in the Volkswagen case, it usually drives up costs, not only because of the structure of fringe benefits but through the expense of training and equipping workers. Where unemployment is aggravated by unusually high wages and inflexible labor markets, as in Germany, work-sharing becomes dangerous. In this good-hearted attempt to avoid lavoffs and social disruption, Volkswagen is increasing the competitive disadvantage that got it into trouble in the first place.

-- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Other Comment

Russia and the Arms Market

Boris Yeltsin has stated his objective of maintaining Russia as a large supplier on the international arms market. Although understandable for its commercial importance, especially in a time of crisis when Russia's exporting capacity is weakening, the plan has dangerous aspects.

Arms sales should not be undertaken without extreme caution and without closely fol-

lowing political, international and local circumstances, which such sales can alter. Precautions are needed so that these objects of death do not, as they so often do, fall into the hands of terrorist groups, drug traffickers, common criminals or followers of the thousands of extremist groups that convulse the planet. There are many responsibilities here. If neither Russia nor Mr. Yeltsin honors

them, they will not be able to plead ignorance. - La Nación (Buenos Aires).



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There Is Too Much Plutonium Already

WASHINGTON — Gram for gram, there is nothing more dangerous than plutonium. It can fuel nuclear reactors or nuclear weapons. Reprocessing (it is not found in nature) is therefore the crucial crossover point between electric-

ity production and weapons programs.

For years, only the supposed unsuitability of reactor-grade plutonium for weapons use kept a thin wall between the two. Now that has crumbled. There is no remaining technical doubt that

Proliferation does not happen one country at a time. Japan's plutonium plans reverberate throughout Asia. Britain's decision will affect Russia's.

reactor-grade plutonium makes a perfectly good bomb. The problems it creates for weapons de-

signers can all be overcome. A stockpile of plutonium for civilian use one day is a weapons stockpile the next, the only difference being an alteration of intent by the government that owns it.

The two kinds of plutonium are equally tough to dispose of. One ten-thousandth of a gram is a human cancer dose. Less than nine kilograms makes a nuclear weapon. It is a terrorist's dream. Every disposal option — including blasting it into space or dumping it in reactors — has a political, technical, environmental or economic Achilles' heel. The dearth of good choices is such that Thomas Cochran, a longtime arms controller, suggests, tongue in cheek, that the best alternative may be to put the stuff back into nuclear weapons. What all this means is that efforts to stem the threat of nuclear proliferation must deal equally vigorously with both weapons-grade and reactor-grade plutonium. And although the Clinton ad-

EW YORK — The natural reluc-

sider markets in Russia and the other

former Soviet republics must be over-

come if democracy's tennous pro-

spects in the region are to improve. It

s too much to assume that Russia and

It is equally true that the West

collectively can provide goods, fertil-

izer and tools to create a nursery of

democracy and markets, but not the

will and the energy that must come

from the Russian people.

Thus emerged the idea of a partner-

ship, and thus the theme of an impor-

tant conference sponsored last month

by the Clinton administration and

leaders of Congress from both parties.

Under the anspices of the U.S. Infor-

mation Agency, the gathering in St. Louis brought together business lead-

PALM SPRINGS, California — Black South Africans have a

dream — of a lifestyle at least

matching that of whites, as a result

of economic and political equality.

The dream is of course perfectly un-derstandable after the long oppres-

sive years that blacks have spent

observing whites' material rewards,

The dream of prosperity can com-

true. It must come true, if bloodshed

and untold hardship for black and

white alike are to be prevented. But it

Access to prosperity will be

through elections scheduled for next

April - although there have been

indications that they could be held

as late as August. Blacks can and

should win those elections by virtue

The government estimated in Au-

gust that 87 percent of South Afri-

ca's population already had the identification documents required

for voting. The black population numbers 34 million; whites are

political power, but economic power will still be in the hands of whites.

the pie through redistribution of white wealth. Yet in a free market

economy wealth can be accumulated

fairly only if political stability exists,

After the elections, blacks will have

Many blacks look for their piece of

will be neither easy nor quick.

of their sheer numbers.

slightly over 5 million.

from the shadows.

its neighbors can go it alone.

tance of American firms to con-

By Jessica Mathews

ministration is doing everything it can to reduce the risks from the flow of plutonium from dis-mantled nuclear weapons (about 135 metric tons in the next 20 years), it is ignoring the flood that will come from civilian reprocessing — twice as much in the same period.

Washington plans to spend heavily to secure and buy back plutonium from Soviet weapons. It has proposed an international ban on new production for weapons use. Both are sensible steps. Neither can be reconciled with the choice to remain silent on an impending decision by Britain to turn on its new reprocessing plant.

The Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant, or

THORP, was launched 17 years ago, when many believed that a world shortage would send uranium prices above \$400 per kilogram, forcing a shift to plutonium reactor fied. Today a kilo of uranium costs in the neighborhood of \$20, and the end of the Cold War has turned plutonium from a security asset into a burden.

With the plant completed and the world transformed, Britain faces an unappetizing choice. It already has 36 metric tons of plutonium that it does not know what to do with, while bureaucratic momentum drives the project ahead.

THORP's economic prospects are dim. Foreign contracts will sustain it through 10 years, but there is little expectation of operating beyond that. The security implications are enormous. The plant's primary customer, Japan, intends to accumulate a plutonium stockpile of several teas of tons in a shift to plutonium reactor fuel. This makes so little economic sense that Tokyo's

continuing nonnuclear status is in doubt. China, South Korea and Taiwan nervously watch, and make their own plans. So does North Korea. Even the Indian-Pakistani nuclear confrontation is affected, because it cannot be resolved until India feels more comfortable about

Wake Up, West: Russians' Patience Needs Reward

By Gary Hart

South Africa's Newly Free Will Have to Be Patient

By Robert H. Phinny

The African National Congress bright economic future.

It was not the sort of event to increase

1991 coup attempt, sophisticated ob-

servers were impressed more by what

did not happen than by what did:

clashes were limited to a few city blocks in Moscow; there was no pub-

lic uprising; the endlessly patient Russian catizens doggedly pursued

Conferences are no substitute for

action, but they can offer mileposts to

measure progress. In its professed con-

cern for the success of Russian demo-

cracy, the Bush administration never

convened a St. Louis-type conference,

nor did key congressional leaders

speak out to urge private investment in

the homeland of this former foe and now developing democracy.

banks would be targets. Farms and

Now it has appeared that the possi-bility nevertheless does remain that

private property might be national-

ized. That prospect casts a dark shad-

ow over South Africa's chances for a

ANC wants South Africa to have, as

Germany does, a nationalization clause in its constitution that would

other land would be exempt.

their daily routines.

siness confidence. But, as with the

China's nuclear intentions.

ers, government officials, academics

the United States and the former Sovi-

et republics. They discussed invest-

ment needs and priorities, some star-

thing business opportunities, and means to break down remaining Cold

War barriers, prejudices and fears.

Any American businessperson

with even the faintest entrepreneurial

spirit has to appreciate the enormous

opportunities represented by a mar-

ket of 250 million to 300 million peo-

ple who need everything, and with

skilled workers and vast raw materi-

the recent violent clash between fol-

lowers of the Russian president and of the former leaders of parliament.

Attention was paid in St. Louis to

and then only by individual endeav-

or. And if the endeavors of individual

blacks are to succeed, there needs to

be affirmative action in the economic

sector. That clearly indicates the ne-

cessity of a large, socially responsible

ly laid to rest the idea of nationaliza-

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als to offer in trade.

veterans of East-West trade from

vastly more difficult to persuade Russia to shut down its unsafe reprocessing. (Wastes being reprocessed exploded at Tomsk last year.) Russia does not yet see plutonium as a liability. A new British commitment to reprocessing would set back that vital transition.

With so much riding on the decision, the United States has been inexplicably passive. The Clinton administration explains that although it does not encourage civilian reprocessing, it will not try to influence Britain or Japan because both have good nonproliferation credentials.

Whether or not the latter can be taken for granted, the larger error is the underlying asmption that proliferation happens one country at a time. Japan's pintonium plans reverberate throughout Asia. Britain's decision will affect Russials. And the last thing the world needs is additional tons of plutonium that must be safe-guarded so tightly that not even a few kilograms are lost to terrorists or to outlaw governments.

There is a way out that would save face for all concerned, while signaling that reprocessing can no longer be considered safe, sane or necessary. THORP's foreign contracts require it to receive spent fuel and return photonium and wastes. Britain can do both without ever turning on the plant. It can simply store its customers' spent fuel and send back plutonium and

wastes from its own supply.

True, this puts plutonium into international commerce, but it has the great advantage of not

adding a gram to the global supply.

Instead of sitting on the sidelines, America should recognize that its allence on reprocessing amounts to tacit encouragement and undermines the very goals on which it rightly spends so much effort in Russia, Ukraine, Iran, Iraq, North Korea and every other nuclear danger zone.

The writer is a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. She contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

More wars have been fought against Great Russia than it has fought

against others. None, save perhaps the "Great Patriotic War," challenged

Russia's fortitude more than did Na-

poleon's march on Moscow in 1812. General Mikhail Kutuzov is the un-

sung hero of Tolstoy's epic of that era,

"War and Peace." The general's ap-peal for courage to his fearful country-

men reverberates today: "Time and

Patience the Russians demonstrate

daily. It is time that they are running

The writer, a former U.S. senator and candidate for the Democratic

presidential nomination, is a partner in the law firm of Coudert Brothers. He contributed this comment to the

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first shoots of renewed growth. It

Although the economy is now flat,

many conditions exist that form a

Inflation rates are working their way down. The International Monetary Fund shows new attentiveness.

The number of foreign trade delega-tions showing interest in South Afri-

ca continues to increase. With the

end of severe drought, farm output has increased. A "forum process" system has been established where-

by the state, workers and the private sector decide on macro-policy is-sues. All these indicators have led to

a renewed confidence that will give

The greatest danger in this whole picture may be black South Afri-

cans' expectations of quick economic parity with whites. Therein lies a

crucial challenge for the coming black-controlled government. Will it

be able to persuade the citizens of South Africa that patience is re-

quired to make the dream of equali-

The writer, a specialist in southern African affairs and a former U.S. am-

bassador, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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Think Now **About GIs** On Golan

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — For four excel-lent reasons this is the time for Americans and Israelis to start talking in their own countries about whether American troops should be stationed on the Golan Heights.

The first reason is that quiet understanding already exists within the American and Israeli governments that if Syria and Israel reach a peace agreement, U.S. troops are likely to be called upon to take up peacekeep-

ing positions on the Golan.
Until Israel captured them in the
war of 1967, the heights were used by Syrian gunners to fire down into Is-raeli villages. American as well as Israeli generals have said for decades that the heights were critical to Israeli security. But the present Israeli gov-ernment feels that a full peace with Syria, including strong military monitoring would be worth the risk of giving up the Golan.
The second reason is that Ameri-

can and Israeli officials say that discussion is premature. Nobody knows when a Syrian-Israeli agree-ment will be reached. But both countries know how to operate in secret;

could be anytime or no time.
For officials, "premature" generally means that they have not had time to cook the deal. But when any ar-rangement involves the likely use of U.S. troops, premature is the exact time to look into the oven.

Three: The decision will affect America's international stance on when to accept and when to reject military responsibilities, the longrange safety of Israel and the relations of U.S. administrations with Israel and Arab nations, all these

things well into the 21st century.

The fourth reason: Positioning. American troops on the Golan will make them targets for every terrorist gang in the Middle East. Nobody can protect troops on foreign station from all danger; it is demeaning to them to pretend otherwise. But after the slaughter of American marines in Lebanon, Americans would be careless fools not to get some answers. Will the troops be sufficiently armed, with weapons and with intelligence? When are the homecoming parades scheduled?

In a democracy, time to talk through and think through any com-mitment of troops publicly is almost a military necessity. President George Bush put Iraq to Congress and won public support. I think the Clinton people have learned from the inheritances of Bosnia, Haiti and Somalia the importance of clear advance briefing of the public.

The United States broached the

idea of Americans on the Golan remain dormant until needed. This when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin potential threat of nationalization should be brought out of the closet and eliminated if the South African visited Kennebunkport, Maine, after his election last year. Publicly Mr. Rabin does not commit himself, but members of his cabinet talk en-And flourish it must Economic thusiastically of the idea.
On "Face the Nation" on Sept. growth is the key to South Africa's future. This requires capitalism and

12. Bob Schieffer of CBS put the question straight to Secretary of State Warren Christopher: Do you recognize that U.S. troops on the Golan might have to be part of any Syrian-Israeli agreement? The an-

swer: "Absolutely."
The advantage for Israel is the help of a friendly country in monitoring Syrian military moves that could violate the peace. For the United States: trying to keep peace in a part of the world important to America and showing that America has not devel-

oped an automatic tic against foreign military commitments. The issue is not yet a hot item in Congress; it will be. But Senator Alfonse D'Amato of New York brings up this thought: If a future American president decides that keeping troops on Middle East duty is no longer in American interests, how will Israeli security stand then? And Representative Ion Kyl, a Re-

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publican member of the House Armed Services Committee, raises problems that could squeeze both countries. For instance; Israeli military credibility hangs on its own strength and judgment; Israel's most potent weapon sometimes has been preemptive action in case of expected emy attack. With U.S. troops on Golan duty, Syria could consider itself protected from preemption. Washington would either have to block Israeli preemption or be seen as part of it.

Right now, putting American forces on the Golan strikes me as too dangerous in the long run for the United States and Israel. But for once we may have time to think, talk and even change our minds — if public, press, Congress and the president open the oven now.

The New York Times.

Condemned to Death in Bangladesh

D HAKA, Bangladesh — At a rally at the National Mosque here in the capital of Bangladesh, a crowd of 10,000 Muslim fundamentalists has called for my death. The group that initiated the fatwa, or death sentence, the Council of Soldiers of Islam, has been joined by other fundamentalist groups de-manding that the government ban my books and put "blasphemers" like me to death.

My most recent book, "Lajja" ("Shame"), was about a Hindu family persecuted in Bangladesh after the destruction of the Ayodhya mosque in India in December 1992.

Why doesn't the government prosecute these fanatics?

In India, fundamentalist Hindus killed innocent Muslims; in Pakistan and Bangladesh, fundamental-ist Muslims persecuted Hindus and burned their temples.

This summer, after 50,000 copies of the novel had been sold, the government banned it, under pressure from the fundamentalists, say-ing it was "creating misunderstanding between communities."
But I will not be silenced.

Everywhere I look I see women being mistreated, and their oppression justified in the name of religion. Is it not my moral responsibil-Some men would keep women in By Taslima Nasrin

chains - veiled, illiterate and in the kitchen. There are 60 million women in my country; not more than 15 percent of them can read and write. How can Bangladesh become a modern country and find its place in the world when it is dragged backward by reactionary attitudes toward half its people?

It is my conviction that politics cannot be based on religion if our women are to be free. Bangladesh must become a modern secular state; family laws based on Islamic principles should be replaced by a uniform code ensuring the equal nights of women.

The country has laws against religious courts and their fatwas. But they are ignored. This year, in the village of Chatakchara, a young woman was stoned to death on orders from a local court because she had married again after a divorce. In the village of Kalikapur, mullahs accused another young woman of fornication and sentenced her to

a public flogging with 101 lashes of a broom. She died soon after, allegedly a spicide. There are other such cases, girls from poor families in isolated areas, illegally sentenced by extremist interpreters of Islamic law.

For speaking out against such crimes, I, too, have been condemned to death. Why does the government not prosecute the fanatics who insti-tute these fatwas? Many believe it

is because the administration has come to power with the help of fundamentalists.
The authorities confiscated my

passport in January; when I tried to get it back, they said I could not have it because I write against re-ligion. In September, when the newspapers reported that funda-mentalists had put a price on my head, I had to go to court and sue to get police protection. (The re-ward of about \$1,200 has appar-ently been rescinded, but the fatwa still stands.) Is our prime minister, Khalida

Zia, afraid to stand up to the fundamentalists? Does she not see that by placating them, she allows them to grow stronger, and the time will come when they turn upon her, too? Bangladesh is my motherland We gained our independence from Pakistan at the sacrifice of 30 million lives. That sacrifice will be betrayed if we allow ourselves to be dominated by religious extremism. Bangladesh should stand for women's equality, and harmony be-

tween people of different faiths.

The mullahs who would marder me will kill everything progressive in Bangladesh if they are allowed to prevail. It is my duty to try to pro-tect my beautiful country from them. I call on all those who share my values to help me defend my rights. By doing so, they will help save Bangladesh.

The writer, a novelist, newspape cohmunist and poet, contributed this comment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Execution in Paris

PARIS — Kiintz, a young man known as the "murderer of rue Berthe," will be no more by the time the Herald reader unfolds his paper this morning [Dec. 1]. Küntz was condemned to death for the murder of an old woman. He went up to her apartment with the object of robbing her, but, on her offering resistance, he attacked her with the first weapon that came to his hand. The weapon was the bone of a leg of mutton.

1918: Thankful Troops LUXEMBOURG - Thanksgiving

Day [Nov. 28] on the German border among the American troops was quite different from toasting one's toes before the home fireside after a huge turkey dinner. Five American soldiers who had escaped from the German prison camp at Rastatt by bribing their guards enjoyed a unique Thanksgiving. The feast was spread by Y.M.C.A. secretaries on an improvised table mid-way across the Rhine, on a bridge near Metz. Half of the party occupied chairs on the German side and half on the French side, while there were German guards on one side and French on the other.

1943: Cairo War Talks WASHINGTON - [From our New

York edition: A momentous conference, presumably dealing with the war against Japan, has been completed in Cairo by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, it be-came known tonight [Nov. 30], and the three men are now reported en route to an unknown destination for a session with Premier Stalin to plan new onslaughts against Germany. The talks in Egypt —one of them was held in a tent in the shadow of the Pyramids, and an onlooker, if not an active participant, was Madam Chiang Kai-shek — were undoubted-ly limited to discussion of the campaign against Japan



All the Money and Goodwill Won't End Bosnia's Agony

By William Shawcross

Workmen swarm about; jackhammers pound away. George Soros strains to hear as Bosnian and American engineers explain how water will soon be pumped from the river, through this new purifying plant and into the town's water ns. Men, women and children walk by, carrying containers for water. The need for the new system is clear.

Mr. Soros is stopped by a man representing the neighborhood. "We are hurrying because we expect winter very soon," he says. He presents Mr. Soros. one of the richest men in the world, with a bronze artillery shell case into which a traditional Bosnian pattern has been carved. He says be wants to thank Mr. Soros for all he has done for the city. Mr. Soros takes the shell case with a rather wry smile and a small, courteous bow; he accepts an invitation to a cup of

Humanitarianism is being exploited by governments as a cover for their political failures or indolence.

coffee. Afterward, Mr. Soros says: "I hate being praised and thanked all the time. I have an aversion to it."

But the thanks are understandable. Mr. Soros, the international financier, paid for the water plant as well as new pipes to bring in gas. In a year, he has given \$50 million to Bosnia, hoping to alleviate suffering and to make a political difference.

Mr. Soros ended his visit to Sarajevo that day with a stark declaration: "The

\$50 million Soros humanitarian fund for Bosnia is almost exhausted, and I must declare it a failure."

Later, he explained, "In spite of the brilliant work done by the International Rescue Committee and Refugees International, the humanitarian situation is worse than when we began."

But the overwhelming failure, he argued, was a political one: "Sarajevo is a concentration camp, and the UN is part of the system that maintains it."

Together, these two statements form a terrible indictment: that humanitarianism is being exploited by governments as a cover for their political failures or indolence. Bosnia certainly shows the terrifying power of ethnic nationalism. But it also demonstrates the failure of international institutions, and the abuse and the limits of humanitarianism. Bosnia is the hell at the end of the tunnel.

Mr. Soros had flown to Sarajewo via UN transport plane from Zagreb. Accompanying him were his coordinator for Yugoslavia, Beka Vuco, and Lionel Rosenblatt, the head of Refugees International, a Washington lobbying group which has been advising him. From the heavily fortified UN check-

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S ARAJEVO — In a road tunnel un-der a hill high in Sarajevo, one lane is filled with gleaming new machinery.

point at Sarajevo airport, we drove into town in an armored car of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Our driver Commissioner for Refugees. Our driver was Fred Cuny, an engineer from Texas who works for the International Rescue Committee, which Mr. Soros has funded to oversee the gas and water projects. We drove swiftly to the Presidency building, where the Bosoian branch of the Soros Foundation has an office. Mr. Soros was hustled upstairs through cold, dark passages to meet with members of his board. Mr. Soros listened quietly to their advice. His strength seems to lie in the fact that politically and culturally he can identify with both Europe and America. He was born a Hungarian Jew and grew

up under Nazism. A refugee from Sta-linism as well, he has a close understanding of the ravages of dictatorship.
He remains obsessed by the sufferings he saw as a child. And he believes in his right to use his money to try to alleviate

them, and to influence policy.

Mr. Soros's apprenticeship in both the financial markets and philosophy was served in London in the early 1950s; he became a disciple of Karl Popper, the humanist philosopher. In the 1960s, as an expert arbitrageur in New York, he made the first of his many millions.

He began his philanthropy in 1969, using money to put pressure on weak points in the Soviet system — at first in Hungary. There are now Soros Foundations in 22 countries, including 19 for-mer Communist countries and South Africa. In Russia he is spending up to \$100 million in an effort to persuade scientists to stay at home.

After the meeting we drove back to the Holiday Inn. Many of the hotel's windows have been shot out and the glass has been replaced by plastic sheets. Electricity is intermittent and water is rare. Food is scarce. Yet the place somehow functions. The employees are delightful, sheets are clean, lukewarm meals do eventually appear. That afternoon, Mr. Soros met with

representatives of all the principal humanitarian agencies in Sarajevo. The hotel's conference room was lit by candles on long tables. It looked, someone said, like a 17th century Dutch oil painting, a meeting of conspirators. And in one sense that was indeed what it was an open conspiracy to try to bring help. Mr. Soros asked them what they

thought Sarajevo needed. Someone said that the problem was not of money but of access. Mr. Soros talked about the need to open the Mostar road through Croat-controlled areas suggested that everyone sign a petition requesting pressure be put on the Croats to open it.

A woman psychologist from the main hospital stood up and said that no one in Sarajevo cared about the Mostar road. What Mr. Soros should realize, she said. was that "people are terrified of sitting in the dark for 15 hours a day."

That night many of those who had benefited from Mr. Soros's money — surgeons, theater directors, writers, en-

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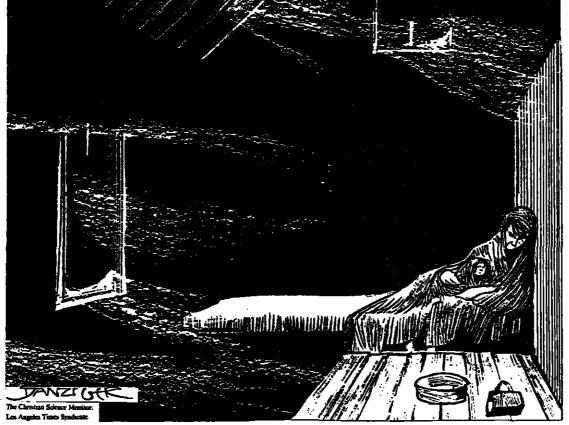
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gineers - came through the dark streets to dinner at the Holiday Inn. It was an extraordinary occasion. The women were all beautifully turned out.

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"Can you imagine how hard it was to arrange all this?" one exhausted princi-pal of Mr. Soros's local organization isked me. "Can you understand the difficulty of just getting the ingredients for this soup? And all the rest?"

The next morning we went with Fred Cumy and his fellow engineers to see the water treatment plant. The tunnel will, they hope, protect it from Serbian artil-lery shells. It is a fantastic structure, which looks like the engine room of an aircraft carrier. Now running, the station will provide 18 million liters of water a day, improving the lives of thousands.

Even more desperately needed than water is heat. The scheme Mr. Soros has funded is expected to connect an extra 30,000 homes to the gas supply. The problem is whether the gas will reach the town. It comes by pipe from Russia through Hungary and Serbia. The Serbs have been warned that if they cut gas off to Sarajevo, it will be cut off to them.

Mr. Soros also met with the Bosnian prime minister, who told him that the government, having come close to agree-ing to a partition of the country, would now continue to fight. Later, Mr. Soros returned to his

theme that the UN is effectively serving as guard for the Serbians' concentration camp. "They are allowing the Serbs to decide what humanitarian aid should be brought in and are allowing the concentration camp to survive at the absolutely minimum level. The only justification of the UN's presence here would be if it was lifting the siege."

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Mr. Soros contends that humanitarian organizations should be only part of an overall response — they cannot be a substitute for policy. But that is what governments have made them in Bosnia. For now, bowever, humanitarianism

is all there is. This winter, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees is asking for free passage of convoys; the impartial distribution of aid based on assessments by UNHCR; the evacuation of the vulnerable; the opening of Tuzla airport to help feed the 2.5 million or more people at risk in central Bosnia. This is de-

scribed as a bare minimum. No one thinks a disaster can be averted - aid officials talk only of reducing it.

As Mr. Soros left for the airport, we heard that a Serbian mortar had just crashed into a school, killing three children and their teacher, and wounding many others. It was a quiet day at the beginning of a vicious winter in Sarajevo.

The author's study of the UN and Cambodia will be published by the Carnegie Endowment next year. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

Time in a Communist Jail: The Ultimate in Leisure?

By Gary Krist

ROTON-ON-HUDSON, New ∠ York — In Poland, the Wolf's Lair, the Nazis' eastern front command post in World War II, is being converted into a theme resort. According to Travel & Leisure magazine. staff members are to dress in replica uniforms of the Luftwaffe and Wehrmacht, and there will be dancing nightly at "Hitler's Bunker Disco." In Germany, a young entrepreneur

MEANWHILE

near Berlin. His theme? East Germany under communism. Bartenders and chambermaids will double as mock agents of the secret police. Visitors overheard making comments critical of the government will be thrown Don't look now, but history is being

reshaped into a tourist attraction. And not just its prettier moments: nowadays, no episode of our past is too tragic, no act too appalling, no institution too shameful to escape the ngenuity of the tourism industry.

Political and racial oppression seem to be the hottest thing in travel. This chamber of commerce surrealism isn't flourishing only abroad. Near Atlanta, Holdings Inc. is devel-

oping a "Gone With the Wind Country" theme park, complete with repli-cas of Tara and Twelve Oaks, horsedrawn carriages, a golf course and a full array of theme shops. It isn't the Wolf's Lair, but no one

involved seems to find anything questionable about celebrating a way of life founded on the institution of slavery. And now the Walt Disney Co., the

virtual inventor of the theme park industry, has announced plans for its

own history-qua-entertainment park near Manassas, Virginia. Visitors will be able to enjoy an authentic "Civil War experience," complete with Mickey and Goofy,

within a few miles of the battlefield where 4,200 soldiers lost their lives. Among other things, the exhibits will dramatize the experience of slavery. "The goal here is to make this real." says a Disney official.

The park will also depict the early years of industrial capitalism. In a replica steel town called Enterprise, a roller coaster will speed through a pseudo-factory, under overflowing vats of artificial molten metal all, one presumes, to "make real" the harsh labor conditions that pre-

And so the brave new development plans keep piling up.
But so, 100, do the troubling ques

tions they inspire: Can we really learn anything from history when its most sobering lessons are defanged and turned into vacation amusements? Will we eventually become morally

obtuse to the shame of slavery, of political oppression, even of genocide, when such things are routinely depicted as part of a feel-good experience for the whole family? And how do I explain to my 2-year-old daughter the difference between the Third Reich and the Magic Kingdom?

Mr. Krist, a former magazine travel writer, is author of the forthcoming short story collection "Bone by Bone." He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Paving-Over of History Regarding the report "Hi-Ho! And Off to the Civil War We Go!" (Nov. 13) by

Michael Wines: We were deeply saddened to learn of the Walt Disney Co.'s plan to build an American history "theme park" in northem Virginia. The sparse open land left in this beautiful and historic region is rapidly being devoured by development. Dis-

ney's plans to consume an additional 3,000 acres (1,200 hectares) would be the final blow to what little rural and colonial flavor this region retains. Not long ago, the Virginia country-side outside of Washington — where the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains meet the estuaries of the Potomac -was perhaps the most beautiful place in America. But old homes and famous

Many a visitor has been content with the priceless experience of walking over the hallowed grounds of Civil War battlefields in this region. To legitimize, in the name of history, the destruction of the scarce open spaces around these battlefields is tragically ironic.

MARK and CAROLYN BRZEZINSKI. Oxford, England.

A Deterrent Indeed

Regarding "No Easy Solution" (Letters, Nov. 25) from Tom Boyle:

Mr. Bovle writes of the "known futiliy" of the death penalty as a deterrent to crime. I have read of many cases of released or paroled murderers committing further offenses, but I have yet to hear of an executed criminal committing

D. HARRIS.

Ghosts of Vietnam

Regarding the report "Exiles Return, Wallets Full, to Help Saigon Be Saigon" (Nov. 4) by Philip Shenon, and "The Many Lives of Kieu Chinh" (Features, Nov. 4) by Seth Mydans: The assertion that Vietnam was par-

titioned in 1954 is incorrect. The 1954 UN Geneva agreement created two cease-fire zones. The line separating them, the Demilitarized Zone, was provisional pending unification elections to be held in 1956. The election provision was not the only one broken by the U.S. government. Mr. Shenon asserts that Vietnam's

problems are due to communism. But what about the effects of 60 years of a repressive French colonial regime, Japanese occupation during World War II (with the French collaborating), eight years of French-Indochina war, the

reign of Ngo Diem and his "special form of democracy," the U.S. bom-bardment of Vietnam "into the Stone Age," and a 20-year international economic embargo?

Ho Chi Minh petitioned President

Woodrow Wilson for semi-indepen-

dence in 1919 at the Paris Peace Con-

ference, which produced the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations. Ho Chi Minh collaborated with the United States in World War II and proposed making Vietnam an American protectorate at the end of the war. But perhaps the Vietnamese were a little too socialist for our West- [the Cafe ern tastes.

While our rewriting of history will do much to soothe our guilt, it will not rid our closets of the ghosts of Vietnam. Only war reparations will.

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some rebelled and voted for while

Shigern Ishiba, one of two members banned from party office for three years, objected to the punish-

"At the election I was voted into parliament saying I would carry out political reform with the Liber-

Another member was banned for

two years and seven were banned

for several months each. Three oth-

ers got off with a stiff reprimand.

minister who was removed from

office by the Liberal Democrats'

backroom bosses after showing too

much zeal for reform, was not pun-ished despite abstaining from the

The political reform package now looks certain to miss a Dec. 15

deadline. The bills are being stalled

in the upper house by the Liberal

The reforms are designed to plug

loopholes in lax anti-graft laws and

introduce single-seat electoral dis-

tricts, supposedly less conducive to

big-money campaign spending.

When he swept to power in Au-

gust with a mandate for reform,

Mr. Hosokawa said he would take

political responsibility if he failed

to get the measures through the

Diet by year's end. In Japanese political language, that meant he would either step down or call elec-

On Tuesday, negotiators from

both the coalition and the Liberal

Democratic Party agreed on a

rough timetable to push through

the Diet an even more argent sup-plementary budget bill, party offi-cials said. Enacting the 709 billion

yen (\$6.50 billion) budget, one of a

of debate, the officials added.

Democrats.

Toshiki Kaifu, a former prime





A Vietnamese government health worker, right, distributing condoms and a brochure in Hanoi on Tuesday, the eve of World AIDS Day.

China Sets Up Agency to Battle AIDS

BEIJING — China set up its first nationwide anti-AIDS organization on Tuesday, acknowledging that the deadly virus was spreading due to public ignorance of what has long been regarded as a "foreigners" disease.

Statistics released by the new body and reported by the official Xinhua news agency on the eve of World AIDS Day on Wedneday undermined the myth of Chinese invulnerabil-

According to the statistics, of the 1.159 confirmed carriers in China of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS 948 are Chinese and 211 are foreigners or overseas Chinese.

The number of AIDS victims is at 19, of

Chinese and foreign health officials say that

the true number of infections is far higher. Health Minister Chen Minzhang blamed ignorance for the spread of the virus and said most HIV carriers were drug users or people who had contracted the disease abroad.

"We lack publication and comprehensive management measures on sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS prevention," he said.

Mr. Chen said the new organization, the National Association of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS Control and Prevention, was formed to help the government organize prevention activities.

It has been working on a national anti-AIDS plan that could be unveiled as early as Wednesday, officials said.

AIDS has taken on a new urgency in Beijing and officials no longer dismiss it as a foreigners'

al Democratic Party and help remold the party as a modest and sincere party," he told NHK televi-sion. "I cannot agree with this Cabinet officials convened a meeting last week in Shanghai, where one high official called AIDS a strategic threat to China and said more heavy penalty." efforts must be made to block the disease from spreading among its 1.2 billion people.

"Failure to curb AIDS can sabotage socialist construction," the unidentified cabinet official was quoted as saying.

Most known carriers of HTV are drug users in the southwestern province of Yunnan. But cases are increasingly appearing in other cities, involving prostitutes and their clients, homosexuals and drug users.

Japan Party Sukarno Daughter in Running To Lead Indonesia Opposition **Punishes Backers** of

JAKARTA - A loose-knit political party, the closest thing President Suharto's Indonesia allows to

Reforms an official opposition, will meet this week for the second time in six months to choose a leader accept-TOKYO - Japan's main oppoable to the government. sition party, the Liberal Demo-crats, punished 13 members on A front-runner for the post, which was left vacant after Mr. Tuesday for defying a party direc-

Subarto rejected the party's earlier tive to vote against the govern-ment's political reform bills. choice, is Megawati Sukarnoputri, daughter of his predecessor, Sukar-The party barred the rebels from holding official party posts for up in July, the Indonesian Demo-

to three years, but stopped short of cratic Party re-elected Sinjadi, a protege of Mr. Suharto's former expelling them for fear of creating a damaging rift. military chief, Benny Murdani. But the government declared the elec-The party was removed from government in July after 38 years in tion invalid after a chaotic conpower, when it went back on a gress. Mr. Surjadi later gave in to

promise to move against political government pressure to resign. The party meeting will be opened Thursday in Surabaya, in Its replacement, a coalition led by Morihiro Hosokawa, put elec-East Java, by Vice President Try toral reform measures to a lower house vote on Nov. 18. The Liberal Democratic Party ordered its mem-

The Democratic Party has a Mr. Sanit said, however, that the large following in the cities, but outcome of the meeting would de-

none of the three political parties that are allowed to exist are represented in Mr. Suharto's cabinet.

The party's role in the largely rubber-stamp legislature is restricted to raising questions.

But while the party is not expected to pose a major threat to Mr. Suharto's government, political observers said that the party's popularity under Miss Megawati could

"Megawati with her Sukarno ame, is a popular figure for the people," said Arbi Sanit, senior researcher at the Center for Institutional Development Research of the University of Indonesia.

A poll of readers by the weekly newspaper Detik indicated that nearly 80 percent supported Miss Megawati, 46. Her closest contend-er, Budi Hardjono, who is said to have government backing, received only 10 percent support.

Mr. Sanit said, however, that the

pend on if and how the government

The government could intervene by harassing provincial repre-sentatives before they leave for Surabaya and if this is done, Budi Hardjono will be chairman," he

Other analysts said that military elements critical of Mr. Subarto would play a role in the Surabaya meeting of the Democratic Party, known as PDL

The governing party, Golkar, for the first time elected a civilian, Information Minister Harmoko, as its chairman. That was at its fiveyearly congress in Jakarta last

month "After the military defeat in Golkar's recent chairmanship election, the military would want to see a somewhat bigger PDL an analyst

"If Megawati becomes chairman it could indicate military elements have supported her," the analyst

Russians Fire on Ship, Wounding a Japanese

TOKYO — The Russian Coast Guard opened fire on a small Japa-nese trawler last week, hitting the captain before detaining his ship and crew near the Russian-held Kuril Islands claimed by Japan, according to news reports here

Kyodo news agency quoted a Russian surgeon as saying the ordering the trawler, the Yuki-ship's captain, Keichi Noto, was shot through the thigh and in the The incident reportedly occurred

He said Mr. Noto, 41, would be in the hospital for three weeks on Shikotan Island, one of the four Kuril Islands. The ship's two other crew members were not injured.

Spokesmen for the Japanese coast guard said their Russian counterparts had not reported the case. If confirmed, it would be the first case in recent memory where Russian border guards fired at Jap-

anese fishermen to stop their boats. The normal procedure for coast guard cutters challenging intruding

bow before aiming directly at the vessel. It was not clear if such warning shots were fired.

The matter was first reported on Sunday by Russia's Itar-Tass news agency, which said the captain was slightly injured. Itar-Tass said the Russian coast guard fired at the boat inside Russian waters after

Friday off Cape Nosappu on the eastern tip of Hokkaido, Japan's northern main island. The nearest Russian-beld island is about 3 kilometers (2 miles) away.

This year, Russian vessels in the area have detained 13 Japanese ships and 46 crew members, of whom 13 fishermen, including Mr. Note, were still being held.

The islands, which Russia calls the Southern Kurils and Japan the Northern Territories, were sezzed by Soviet troops in the last days of

Leaking of Data Was 'Reckless,' Singapore Says

SINGAPORE - A government economist showed "dangerous recklessness" by passing on an economic growth estimate — classified as an official secret - to a private economist, Singapore's attorney general said Tuesday.

Chan Sek Keong told a court the state had a prima facie case against Tharman Shammugaratnam, from the Singapore Monetary Authority.

Mr. Shanmugaratnam is charged with violating the Official Secrets

tial 1992 second-quarter economic growth estimate of 4.6 percent to a Crosby Securities economist. Mann Bhaskaran. Also accused of con

the figure were Mr. Bhaskaran; a Business Times editor, Patrick Daniel: a Business Times journalist Kenneth James: and a Crosby Securities economist. Raymond Foo. All five deny the charge. If convicted they face sentences

of up to two years in jail and fines of 2,000 Singapore dollars (\$1,275).

CANDIDATES: Some Old Banes Trail Bush's Sons on the Campaign

whom only five are still alive.

who faces some stiff primary competition, George Walker Bush (known as George W. or Junior), 46, a partner in the Texas Rangers baseball team, seems to have an easy road to the Republican nomination. But once each is past the primaries, Governor Lawton Chiles of Florida is considered more vulnerable than the Texas governor, Ann W. Richards.

If the tart-tongued oldest Bush son wins, he will have the satisfaction of running against the tarttongued woman who mocked his father as a preppy with a silver foot in his mouth at the 1988 Democratic National Convention.

Ms. Richards has already been small bush, and Junior.

In Texas, where they like a little for the father. barbed wire in their political rassles, everyone is looking forward to 1994. "This is going to be a fun most embarrasses me to say it, be-year, that's all." said State Senator cause I don't think I'm a celebrity David Sibley, who introduced George W. Bush at a Waco rally.

The older brother's advisers predict that Bill Clinton, who took the White House with the support of Ms. Richards, will be an albatross for the governor. George W. denies there is any motivation of avenging the family name.

said, but he added that there is more to running the state than "funny sound bites."

rally in College Station, the home has noted, "We were taught never of his father's presidential library. to sit on the sidelines." at Texas A&M University.

and by the time the campaign is over, people are going to know that, in this George Bush, they've got someone to be the governor who knows what it means to fight

Although the Bushes also allude to the minuses of being related to a president who was decisively rejected by the public last year, many strategists consider their name their main selling points. It provides instant recognition and access to political and fund-raising networks, and allows them to finesse the fact that neither has held elective office. George lost a bid for

Congress in 1978. When a recent Texas Poll showed that George W. Bush was within 8 percentage points of Ms. dismissing her potential rival by Richards, her supporters suggested referring to him as Shrub, as in that this was probably because many respondents mistook

Jeb Bush acknowledges that his "semicelebrity" status helps. "It alby any stretch of the imagination, but I think I do get bigger crowds,"

he said. "There's more curiosity." The younger brother said he drew his lessons in the 1992 race from the Democrats, "My father served with distinction in a different time. But it's 1993, and the country has changed dramatically. The way the Clinton campaign "I bear no ill will personally to-ward the current governor," he nication — it was about breaking the mold of how you campaign."

Imbued with the Bush creed of competition, the two brothers have "I'm a proud child," he said at a been eager to run for years. As Jeb

When George W. Bush consid-"Being George Bush's son, they ered running for governor in 1990, say, is it a plus or a negative? It's a his mother urged him against it huge plus as far as I'm concerned, while his father was still in the

White House, And Jeb Bush likes to tell the story about how, when he was head of the Dade County Republican Party in 1986, he called his father to discuss a possible run

The father rattled off points to consider: Would it be too much of a sacrifice for his wife and three children? Could he afford to keep two houses in Miami and Washing-

ton? Jeb decided to wait. The novelty of two Bushes running for governor has spurred commentary about "Rockefeller-style dynasties," and memories of other presidential offspring who tried the olitical route successfully (John Quincy Adams and Robert Taft) and unsuccessfully (Robert Todd Lincoln and Maureen Reagan).

Some strategists said it will be arder for Jeb, who announced first and who has more experience, including a stint as Florida secretary of commerce, now that his brother has entered the race.

Jeb Bush worries that, with George running, too, "it turns it into a People magazine story," but shrugs that he has "no control" over his brother.

Advisers said Jeb was annoyed at the way George co-opted some of his campaign lines.

After Jeb said, "I am running for governor not because I am George and Barbara Bush's son. I am running because I am George P. and Noelle and Jeb's father," George W. began saying: "I am not running for governor because I am George Bush's son. I am running because I am Jenna and Barbara's

Karl Rove, a consultant to George, laughingly acknowledged: "George heard Jeb use the line and thought it was so good, he stole it.

Politically, the Bushes span the trajectory of Republican politics. Their grandfather, Prescott Bush, a Connecticut senator, was an Eisenhower Republican. George Bush

started as a hybrid of moderate Republicanism and the more conservative politics of his adopted state, and then leaped to the right as Ronald Reagan's vice president. The sons do not display their father's flexibility, sticking instead

to the strict conservative line, which they attribute to their years in Texas. Like their father, they are fervent believers in a market economy. They oppose abortion, and they believe in strengthening local control over education and in boot camps for juvenile offenders.

As for adult sexual offenders. George W., said, "I believe most are beyond rehabilitation. I wish they'd put them away and make

HONG KONG: Taunt to China

Continued from Page 1

greater democracy in the colony before its return to Chinese rule in 1997, said it planned to amend the egislation.

"It is important to remember terms of the Joint Declaration no say over," Yueng Sum, the party's vice chairman, said in a written agree. statement, referring to the treaty signed by Britain and China in

"Presenting legislators with a bill on these three less important issues sends China the message that Govcontinue negotiations," said Mr. sovereignty.

Yueng, whose party will seek to amend the proposed legislation to include a provision for a greater number of directly elected legisla-

Mixed in with attacks on Britain that these are issues that under the for its lack of "sincerity" in the talks, China on Tuesday signaled even after 1997 - that Beijing has again that after 1997 it would overturn any laws with which it did not

Xinhua released commentary from a Beijing-controlled maga-zine, Bauhinia, which said China was prepared to "reshape" the Legislative Council after regaining control of the colony to bring it ernor Patten is determined to take into line with its interpretation of whatever steps are necessary to the agreements on the transfer of

South African Rejectionists Vow A White Homeland if Blacks Rule

By Paul Taylor

Washington Past Service
JOHANNESBURG — Rightist fringe groups have served notice that they are planning to ignore the support for the idea of a "rolk- to pursue armed resistance. series of steps to bring Japan out of results of next year's all-races elecrecession, will require about a week tion and will try unilaterally to establish an ethnic white state within South Africa.

Their plan, however, suggested that the white rejectionists, for all their recent war talk and saberrattling, are moving toward a longterm strategy of passive rather than armed resistance to black majority

The plan has drawn a mix of ridicule and denunciation from centrist parties, which dismiss it as dangerous self-delusion.

The Afrikaner Volksfront, a rightist umbrella organization, announced that it will invoke a "unilateral declaration of independence" by March if, as expected, it is unable to negotiate a separate homeland for Afrikaners.

Though details are sketchy and a map has not yet been drawn up, the Volksfront leaders, Ferdi Hartzenberg and General Constand Vil-

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whites-only election in the region Mr. Van Tonder acknowledged

cat" is intense but only among a tionwide poll released last week, just 28 percent of whites favor the creation of a white homeland, and just 14 percent would be prepared to move to one. Even among Afri- not months, to mature. kaner Volksfront supporters, near-

tance to black rule, mainly in small towns in Orange Free State and Transvaal. In those areas, some conservative white town councils have already adopted resolutions declaring their intention to ignore the sovereignty of the black government that is expected to come to over time." power after the April 27 election.

"You Americans had your Tea." Party; we are going to have our tax boycotts and other forms of passive attack," said Robert Van Tonder,

that their group will eventually des- that the rightists are not strong ignate as a separate state. enough now to block the April vote.

Their biggest problem is that and that they are unlikely, for now,

But once a black government small minority. According to a na- comes to power, our numbers will grow; people will experience for themselves how bad things get," he said. He added that he expected the resistance campaign to take years,

A Western diplomat commently half oppose the idea. Whites comprise less than 15 percent of South Africa's population.

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Their strategy of passive resistance could provide troublesome if the right-wing is disciplined enough to stick with it. The small natural communities are going to be already when a smallest makes the place where a smallest described makes. gether pockets of localized resis- the places where apartheid makes it last stand."

And a African National Congress official said: "If whites take a posture of passive resistance to these new councils . We can always take the route of ignoring them. These movements tend to dissipate

President Frederik W. de Klerk called the plan "unimety and irre-sponsible" and urged the Volks-front to press forward with negotiations correctly under way with joen, said they foresaw holding a head of the rightist Boerestaat Party. both the government and ANC.

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Cool 'Butterfly' Emerges From Wilson Cocoon

By Dave Stevens unonal Revald Tribuna

ARIS - "Madame Butterfly" has been moved to Robert Wilson country, where the air is clear, the sky changes color a lot and the temperature is quite a bit cooler than in the usual Puccini land-

Yet, in this new production at the Opera Bastille, Wilson's styl-ized orientalism, the extreme simplicity of the sets and costumes. the unhurried and precisely choreographed movements and the infi-nitely flexible lighting create an intensely emotional visual atmosphere, parallel to, yet de-tached from, Puccini's emotionally loaded music.

If anything, this score, which of-ten just bypasses the brain and mugs the listener's sensibilities. gains from being heard in such conditions. The singers probably gain, too, being freed from the usual mindless gesticulation and obliged to stand still a lot. In any case they sounded like it, and the orchestra played with clarity and concentration under Myung-Whun Chung's urgent direction.

Wilson's set is just about irreducible, a wooden platform approached by the suggestion of a icothridge and a path outlined in stones, the whole indicating a house set in a rock garden. The unobstructed sky plays an active role in its expressionist lighting changes. (Heinrich Brunke collaborated on the lighting.) The second act (the opera was played in two acts, as was Puccini's original intention) was basically the same scene taken from a different angle. Except for a Japanese-modern

object that was used as a chair

from time to time, there are virtu-

ally no props. Pinkerton and Con-sul Sharpless drink whiskey from imaginary glasses served on an imaginary iray. Cio-Cio-San strews imaginary flowers about the house, shortly before she stabs herself with an invisible instru-

The costumes (Frida Parmeggiani) fell into two categories. Those for the principals are stylized and nonspecific. The Japa-nese women wore similar off-theshoulder gowns, but Cio-Cio-San's was black with hints of kimono, while Kate Pinkerton's was white Western evening dress. Pinkerton wore only a white. floor-length coat, without any naval markings, and Sharpless a similar long coat in gray. The local color was left for the specifically Japanese characters and their sometimes almost caricatured

UT it was the movement (Suzushi Hanayagi is credited with the choreography) that was the dramatic keystone of this production. Choreography is not the wrong word for movement that was minimal, precise, hieratic and expressive. It also seemed to be slow, but everyone got where they were going on time, albeit in a time sig-nature different from but coordinated with that of the music. Above all, the dramatic relationships were

at all times clear. This is, after all, a work about a clash of alien civilizations, and there were telling moments that made this clear. The sudden eruption of Butterfly's uncle, the Bonze, dressed in black, bearing the signs of his authority and backed by a suddenly blood-red sky, was one of them. And Butterfly's death, twitching like a just-mounted butterfly, was a cruel reference to her



Nicoletta Curiel, left, and Diana Soviero in "Madame Butterfly."

own unwitting but prophetic words can tenor into the role of Pinkerin the first act.

Singers are not famous as a class for submitting to the demands of unusual stagings, but here they

were exemplary. Diana Soviero, a stalwart of the convincing as a romantic young na-Met and New York City Opera, performed her stage duties at Monday's performance not just conscientiously but with dramatic preciston. Once past an uneven entrance cruelty.
scene, she delivered a moving.
William Stone's warm and solid scene, she delivered a moving, beautifully sung Butterfly. The ovation she won at the final curtain

was the real thing.
The vicissitudes of operatic life The vicissitudes of operatic life (Kate), Georges Gautier (Goro), propelled an unknown South Afri-Frank Leguérinel (Yamadori) and

Romuald Tesarowicz (the Bonze) ton. Johan Botha proved to have a delivered telling vigneties in their clear and robust lyric voice that will

be heard from again. He also has the physique of a discus thrower An objection: Traditionally, Paris Opera programs give a number that and might not have been altogether represents the number of times the work of the evening has been given by the company. In Monday's proval lieutenant in your standard "Butterfly" production. But here gram that figure was 1.174, which is he was splendidly statuesque, exfiddling with numbers. emplary of Pinkerton's heedless Historically, "Madame Butter-

fly" was part of the Opéra Comique's repertory, and the overbaritone was aptly employed as the whelming majority of its Paris compassionate and uncomfortable performances have been given in Sharpless, and Constance Fee the Salle Favart. It did not enter the Opéra's repertory until the late

Coronation of Monteverdi Gardiner, at Last, Tackles 'Poppea'

By Roderick Conway Morris

REMONA, Italy -- Europe's first modern violins were made in northern Italy in the early 16th century. By the time of Claudio Monteverdi's birth here in 1567, this pleasant riverside town southeast of Milan, had become the epicenter of violin, cello and viola making. An unbroken line of master craftsmen stretching from Andrea Amati to Antonio Stradivari maintained Cremona's virtual monopoly as the international exporter of top-class instruments until well into the 18th century.

The young Monteverdi's first post outside his hometown was as a violin and viol player at the Gonzaga Palace in neighboring Mantua. He had already published books of moters and madrigals while still in his teens, and his talents as a composer were soon employed in writing courtly entertainments. He later moved to Venice, where he placed an indelible stamp on sacred music and played a central role in establishing the novel genre of opera (the first public opera house was opened in Venice in 1637).

The inventiveness and complexity of Monteverdi's music was instrumental in revealing the enormous untapped potential of the violin. And ever since. despite numerous changes in style and tastes, the violin, with its phalanx of scaled-up cousins, has remained the king of Western orchestras.

Monteverdi died 350 years ago Monday, and Cremona marked the anniversary by inviting John Eliot Gardiner and his English Baroque Soloists to perform Monteverdi's last and greatest opera, "L'Incorona-zione di Poppea," and, with the Monteverdi Choir, the "Vespers of 1610." his crowning work of liturgical

Surprisingly, Gardiner, who has been such a prominent force in reviving and popularizing Baroque mu-sic, has never before tackled "Poppea." Closely based on accounts by the Roman historian Tacitus and the more gossipy chronicler Suetonius, the plot, as opera plots go, is simple. Poppea is conducting a passionate love affair with Emperor Nero. Beautiful and ambitions, she is determined to become empress. Inconveniently, Nero already has a wife. Octavia. Conveniently, Poppea has a shunned, embittered lover, Ottone, whom Octavia recruits to bump off her upstart rival. The plan fails, Octavia and Ottone are banished forever, and Poppea is duly crowned.

"Poppea" is a profoundly human drama, and the gods, who often play an obtrusive part in operas and masques of this period, appear on the fringes of events (though Love does save Poppea from assassination). For all its stylized presentation, this is an entirely

credible world, fueled by uncontrollable erotic passions, jealousy, love transformed into loathing, the cruelty of happy victors and the despair of the emo-tionally vanquished.

The encounters between Poppea and Nero — with their lingering, caressing, melodically and rhythmically daring texts and scores - contain some of the most sexually charged music ever written. It is almost mystifying that such an explicit presentation of an obsessively physical relationship reached the mid-17th-century stage — though the portrait in "Poppea" of the degeneracy, arbitrariness and megalomania of emper-ors and their consorts must have been politically

appealing in Venice, the only republic of that era. At the premiere a 15-strong ensemble of the English Baroque Soloists, on strings, lutes, harps and keyboard, seduced, astonished and delighted with unostentatious virtuosity, filling Cremona's Teatro Ponchi-elli with a rich, subile, entrancing sound.

HE American soprano Sylvia McNair's Poppea was magnetic, majestic, sensual and as utterly insidious and irresistible as Monteverdi intended. The Slovenian Bernarda Fink was magnificent throughout as Poppea's nurse and confidente — her aria triumphing in her mistress's victory is a tour de force of acting and singing. The countertenor Michael Chance sang Ottone with force and conviction, and Anne Sofie von Otter was memorable as Octavia, particularly moving in her final lament.

Although billed as a "concert version," the show was semi-staged. McNair's personal wardrobe served her well, but other performers were less fortunate.

Nero was originally written for a castrato. Gardiner, in search of the right register and vocal abilities, cast another American soprano. Dana Hanchard, as the Emperor. Her performance was superb - but here was a case where a fully staged version might have supported the illusion better. As it was, Hanchard's natural feminine elegance remained inescapable threatening in the love scenes with Poppea to introduce an unlooked-for erotic subtext, quite superfluous

in a drama already awash with sex.
Ultimately, the only recurrent fault in the production was that the acting did not always reach the dizzy standards of the music and the singing. If Gardiner could find a theatrical director to match his own outstanding mastery of the music, in order to guide the soloists on stage, his "Poppea" could become as notable a landmark in the bringing to life of early opera as his captivating "Vespers of 1610" has been in the revival of Baroque church music.

"Poppea" will be performed in Rome on Thursday, Vienna on Saturday and London on Dec. 8 and 11.

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Man and Machine, From Pete Townshend

By Sheridan Morley ational Herald Tribune

ONDON - Pete Townshend's rock opera "The lron Man" has been unfairly dismissed by many for failing to achieve major-musical status, an honor that ironically has gone to Townshend's lesser "Tommy," now on Broadway.

"The Iron Man" (at the Young Vic) is paradoxically a much more work about a much more childish thing: the Ted Hughes fable of the tractor-guzzling giant be-friended in the cause of ecology by the semi-orphaned Hogarth. Once again, as with "Cats," the poetry department of Faber & Faber has come un with a stage musical, or at any rate the basis for one.

What matters is the lean, spare, genuinely poetic voice that Townshend has found for the song-cycle he has made of "The Iron Man," which David Thacker has staged with considerable epic dexterity on a minimal budget and the now-traditional setting of rusting spare parts.
Anthony Barclay is a heroic Hogarth up against the giant machine.

Townshend has found a style wonderfully suited to the angry edginess of Hughes's poetry, and what might in other hands have been a didactic end-of-term school

-to induce in their readers neither

reflection nor emotion nor an ap-

preciation of the richer bounties

which novels may confer, but car-

pal tunnel syndrome. In fact, when

I put down "A Dangerous For-

tune," it took quite a while for my

page-turning extremities to return

to normal. I suppose that's a good

thing, although on reflection I felt

like the fellow watching the Charge of the Light Brigade, who com-mented, "C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre." It's a lot of fun,

Michael M. Thomas, whose sixth novel, "Black Money," will be pub-lished in the spring, wrote this for The Washington Post.

but I'm not sure it's a novel.

play becomes instead a fable for up to the moment of the starting of our time of vibrant theatricality. The agenda of "Night After

But for the musical of the week if not the entire year, we have to travel back in time to the Shaftesbury Avenue of the late 1950s. We are in the West End, and a lone pianist is about to strike up the

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overnire of a new musical: songs you have half heard somewhere before, and are going to have no trou-ble humming in the bath tonight. dancing cats or starving French orphans. Clearly we are not in the
thearrical present, but when exactly?

In a tacky

ly significant to Bartlett as author should have captured it so accumother "up west" to celebrate the news of his imminent birth. Mother happens to arrive a little late in the foyer, and to while away the time Bartlett gives us a gallery of ushers, cloakroom attendants, chorus boys and house managers, all of whom (in "Chorus Line" consultation) tell the stories of their lives on by stage lighting and about the

the show.

Night" (at the Royal Court) is a gay one, in that Bartlett is eager for us to understand the double standards of homosexuality that then obtained. The vast majority of Shaftesbury Avenue theater workers on both sides of the 1950s curtains were gay. but never said so even to each other for fear of disturbing the prejudices of a largely non-gay audience, peo-

The year is 1958, 30 minutes and savage parody of the postwar before curtain up. Neil Bartlett's West End, Bartlett manages to find "Night After Night," far and away the most inventive and intelligent musical of 1993, takes us back over an anthem and a requirem for the In a tacky, intermittently loving three decades to a lost limelight. old Shaftesbury Avenue, and the The time and place are personal- wonder is that a man under 40 now

and star, since the night in question is the night his father took his mother "up west" to celebrate the

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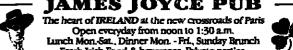
In his own production, with a score by Nicolas Bloomfield, Bartlett leads a versatile cast of seven on a journey up the avenue. It celebrates and satirizes a lost world of backstage bitchiness suddenly fading into the apparent glamour of a boy-meets-girl musical designed to make a still-postwar audience feel good and never even think about the real lives of the conjurers

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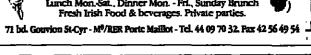
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intellect of a reasonably well-informed 10-year-old. The book begins in 1866 at a good English public school, where a dire episode at a swimming hole weak becomes a Droodian secret that figures darkly in the subsequent quarter-century's intertwined lives—and deaths—of the book's principal characters. One of these, Hugh Pilaster, the hero of the epic, cousin to the grand Pilasters of Kensington Gore and "the Square Mile" | 1 SLOW WALTZ IN CEDAR BEND. by Robert James Walter | 1 4 2 THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY. by Robert James Walter | 2 SON COUNTY. by Robert James Walter | 2 SON COUNTY. by Robert James Walter | 3 SON COUNTY. by Rober becomes a Droodian secret that figther burdened at the outset with the news that his father has killed himself after the collapse of the family firm following on the failure of the London brokers Overend Gurney.

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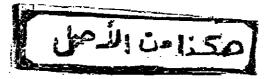
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FESTIVALS OFFER FUN ALL THE YEAR ROUND

o one loves a festival more than the Thais - so much so that they have managed to include at least one (and usually more) in every month of the year. Besides being an essential part of Thai life, a vivid expression of the local passion for sanuk, or "fun," such events provide valuable insights into the country's traditional culture, both popular and religious.

JANUARY

The coolest month of the Thai year, this is an ideal time to visit the picturesque northern city of Chiang Mai, noted for its many traditional crafts. Among the most famous are hand-painted umbrellas from



the village of Bo Sang, which celebrates its primary industry with a gala fair that features a beauty contest, exhibitions, and, of course, countless stalls selling umbrellas.

FEBRUARY

Chiang Mai is the setting for another northern event, the Flower Festival, which offers dazzling floral floats that reflect both the variety of native flowering plants and the Thai skill at transforming them into artistic creations. More solemn is Makha Pucha, observed nationwide as one of the most important Buddhist holy days.

MARCH

The beginning of the hot season also brings to the markets the first Thai mangces, regarded by many connoisseurs as the best in the world. Chachoengsao, in the lower central region, is famous for this succulent fruit and celebrates the harvest with a air.

APRIL

The traditional Thai New Year is celebated nationwide in the middle of this month, with religious ceremonies as well as piblic merrymaking. Anyone venturing ouside is likely to get a thorough soaking from water-throwing merrymakers, but all isin the spirit of sanuk and comes as a welome relief from the heat.

The Pattaya Festival attracts even more rivelers than usual to the resort on the Gulf c' Thailand, which marks the event with bauty contests, food stalls and fireworks o the beach.

MAY
This is the start of the planting season in auch of the country, and several festivals rflect the vital role agriculture plays in hai life. The most colorful is the Royal lowing Ceremony, an ancient ritual that tkes place against the spires of Bangkok's frand Palace. Another is the Rocket estival in the northeastern province of 'asothon, when homemade rockets of all



sorts and sizes are fired in the belief they will ensure plentiful rains.

Also in May is Visakha Pucha, the holiest of Thai religious days, marking the birth, death and enlightenment of the Buddha. Ceremonies are held at temples all over the country.

and the second JUNE 💮 This is the peak of the fruit season, and fairs are held in several of the main growing areas, particularly Rayong and Chanthaburi on the eastern gulf coast, well known for its abundant durians, rambutans, jackfruit and pomelos.

The Candle Festival in northeastern Ubon Ratchathani celebrates the commencement of Buddhist Lent, known in Thai as Khao Phansa; beautifully carved beeswax candles are paraded through the provincial capital before being presented to local temples.

August

The Queen's birthday is observed with decorations and special events all over Thailand on Aug. 12. In Lamphun, not far from Chiang Mai, a lively festival is also held to celebrate the annual harvest of longan, a lychee-like fruit.

Phichit, a northern province with some of Thailand's loveliest natural scenery, stages three days of longboat races on the Nan River, while in Bangkok, the Gems and Jewelry Fair attracts buyers and exhibitors from around the world, under-



scoring the country's position as a leading exporter of fine gemstones and locally made jewelry items.

OCTOBER

Two major southern festivals during this month are Chak Phra in Surat Thani, on the Gulf of Thailand, when revered Buddha images are paraded on elaborately decorated carriages and boats, and Phuket's 10day Vegetarian Festival, celebrated by its Chinese residents. Either this month or next, depending on the moon, is Loy Krathong, when thousands of little lighted banana-leaf boats are placed in rivers and canals to honor the water spirits.

NOVEMBER

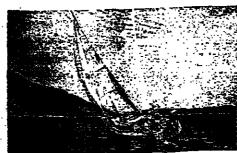
Anyone with a fondness for elephants should make a point of going to the northeastern province of Surin, where more than a hundred of the animals are assembled in a spectacular round-up, displaying their skills at everything from log pulling to warfare.



In Kanchanaburi, south of Bangkok, the famous Bridge on the River Kwai is the centerpiece of a festival.

DECEMBER

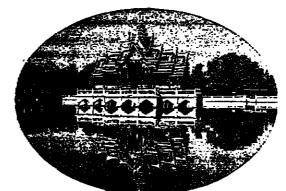
The respect and devotion all Thais feel for their ancient monarchy is expressed this month on the occasion of the King's birthday on Dec. 5, when buildings everywhere are decorated. His Majesty's love of sailing is reflected in the annual Phuket King's Cup Regatta



n adventurous present is built on a rich past. Among past and potential visitors, images of Thailand vary according to taste and temperament. To some it conjures up a world of gilded Buddhist temples and splendid palaces, to others a stretch of snow-white sand and crystal-clear water, an exotic tribal village in misty mountains or the dynamic excitement of Bangkok, with its elegant hotels and sophisticated nightlife.

This diverse Kingdom is full of surprises and special experiences waiting to be discovered by travelers of all kinds.

Covering some 514,000 square kilometers roughly the size of France - Thailand encompasses a wide range of scenic and cultural attractions. Mountains in the far north rise to more than 2,500 meters, with verdant



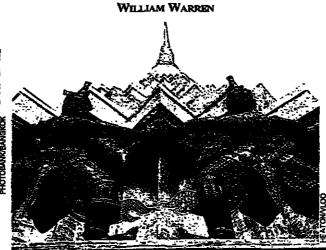
THE INTRICATE BEAUTY OF THE SUMMER PALACE TEMPLE AT BANG PA-IN.

valleys, forests of teak and hill tribes adomed with heavy silver jewelry.

The northeast consists of a rolling plateau dotted with the most extensive collection of Khmer ruins outside Cambodia, while the southern peninsula, extending down to Malaysia, has jungled limestone hills and sundrenched seacoasts of singular beauty. Almost everywhere, there are imposing monuments to a rich Thai past going back nearly a thousand years.

The visitor will also find an exciting selection of traditional and modern shopping opportunities, some of the best hotels in the world, superb Thai cuisine, a wide range of sports and opportunities for adventures to be treasured for a lifetime. Most memorable of all perhaps, are the encounters with a people secure in their sense of cultural identity and celebrated for their hospitality to guests. Thai Airways International's new program,

Royal Orchid Plus, offers not only a compelling inducement to visit this magical Kingdom but also a creative range of highly distinctive Experience Awards designed to tempt even the most jaded traveler.



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THE ART OF KEEPING WILDLIFE UNSPOILED

¬ he French naturalist Henri Mouhot, who trekked through mid-19th century Siam, was awestruck by the variety of flora and fauna he encountered in the country's jungles. The Siamese were a lucky people, he concluded. spoiled by a bountiful nature.

Today, Thailand's extenarks and wildlife sanctuar ies provides the visitor with glimpses of the same raw, untamed tropical beauty encountered by the early explorers.

Satellite photos reveal that this vast forest cover has been reduced to less than 20 percent of the kingdom's total area. As in many other countries, those wishing to preserve what natural beauty remains have to battle against the pressures of overpopulation. development and greed. The good news is that virtually all the kingdom's remaining "old growth" forests lie in about 70 national parks or other protected areas.

The question of how to protect Thailand's rich

ters southwest of Bangkok. Forestry Department operit gets fewer tourists than ate accommodations in a many other parks. Kaeng Krachan is the home of at least 40 mammal species, including the Malayan sun bear. Asiatic black bear, leopard, elephant and tiger.

Tourist accommodation is more extensive at Khao Yai, Thailand's first national park. Established in

wide price range within the park. Visitors should book in advance in Bangkok, especially during the November-February tourist

Phu Kradung National Park, 240 kilometers northeast of Bangkok, includes a "lost world" plateau stud-1962. Khao Yai is the ded with pine, oak and sive system of national biggest natural sanctuary beech trees, with fields of



A PEACEFUL OFF-THE-REATEN-TRACK MOMENT OFFERED IN EREWAN, ONE OF THAILAND'S MANY NATIONAL PARKS.

left on the vast Korat wild orchids, violets and Plateau northeast of Bangkok. As many as 200 storehouses of biodiversity elephants roam the park.

daisies. Its mist-shrouded heights are sacred ground to Thai mystics. Elephants, wild pigs and barking deer are among the animals found in the park and sur-



THE CALM OF THAILAND: LILIES, A SETTING SUN AND THE REFLECTED BEAUTY OF WAT JONG KLANG.

the national level. Ecotourism has become a buzzword as Thai and foreign nature lovers search out "unspoiled" destinations while attempting not to spoil them in the process.

Thailand's biggest and possibly wildest national park, Kaeng Krachan, covers 2,920 square kilometers along the Burmese border. Although only 140 kilome-

has become a hot topic at along with such rare animals as Javan mongoose, barking deer, sambar, slow loris and gaur, the world's largest species of wild cattle. Early morning and dusk are the best times to view the wildlife, but visitors are advised to pay attention to the signs that say "Tiger

Crossing" and "Beware of

Wild Elephants." The Tourist Authority of Thailand and the Royal

rounding protected areas. Thailand's first marine national park, Tarutao, was established in 1974 to protect some of the most beautiful coral reefs and marine

animals in southern Thailand. The park consists of 51 mainly uninhabited islands between Phuket and the Malaysian border. Coral gardens are also the main draw at Koh Similan National Park, northwest of Phuket. Boat charters and diving gear can be arranged in Phuket. Overnight camping is permitted in both parks. Koh Phi Phi, another breathtakingly beautiful

Andaman Sea national park easily accessible from Phuket, offers some of the most spectacular scenery anywhere, both above and below the water. Limestone cliffs rise from coves of crystal-clear sea. On shore the forest is home to a mind-hoggling array of

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A CELEBRATION OF FESTIVALS: (FIRST COLUMN) UMBRELLA PESTIVAL AT BO SANG; ROYAL PLOWING CEREMONY IN BANGKOK; (SECOND COLUMN) A LONGBOAT RACE ON THE NAN RIVER; ELEPHANTS PARADING IN SURIN; AND SAILING IN THE KING'S CUP REGATTA OFF PHUKET.

but the river and the canals." Sir John Bowring's observation, made in the course of a visit in 1855, may seem singularly out of date to a visitor confronted by the crowded streets and soaring expressways of the contemporary Thai capital. Closer examination, however, reveals that it still has a certain validity, particularly with regard to the Chao Phraya River, which winds through the city's traditional heart.

For more than a century after King Rama I began construction of his palace in 1782 on an artificial island created by digging a canal at a strategic point where the river curved sharply, the Chao Phraya River remained the city's main thoroughfare.

Most of the capital's leading Buddhist temples, palaces, foreign embassies, commercial buildings and other major landmarks were located along its banks, while the river itself was crowded with boats of all kinds. They are still there today, amid the towering hotels and condominiums of modern Bangkok. From a hired boat or one of the ferries that regularly run up and down the river, one can see most Bangkok sights without contending with the delays and discomfort of traffic jams.

A good place to start an exploration of Bangkok by water is the landing at the end of Oriental Lane, flanked on one side by the historic hotel of the same name (opened in 1887) and on the other by the handsome white building that once housed the headquarters of the East Asiatic Company, established by a Danish sea captain in 1884 and later one of the world's leading business conglomerates.

Upriver, just beyond the Oriental, is the French Embassy, built in the spacious style typical of European residences in late 19th-century Bangkok. Next to it is the old Customs House, from which the busy trade of the city was conducted. A little farther on, behind a screen of lacy trees, is the Portuguese Embassy, built on a site granted by

King Rama II in 1820. In the city's early years, the rice mills and godowns (warehouses) that contributed so much to its prosperity were mostly on the opposite bank in what was a separate

The highways of Bangkok are not streets or roads municipality called Thon Buri. The mills have gone, but many of the godowns remain, along with glimpses of splendid old Chinese houses. Another west-bank landmark is Santa Cruz Church, founded by Portuguese residents before Bangkok became the capital, and rebuilt several times, most recently in 1913.

Across the river from Santa Cruz is one of the original buildings of the Rachini School, the first Thai-operated school for girls, established during the reign of King Rama V in the late 19th century. Beside it, reflecting both past and present, is Pak Klong Talad, Bangkok's main wholesale market, to which huge quantities of fresh flowers, fruit and vegetables still come by boat from market gardens along the canals of Thon Buri.

The next part of the river offers access to some of Bangkok's leading attractions: on the west bank, the imposing towers of Wat Arun, the Temple of Dawn, encrusted with bits of porcelain that flash in the morning sunlight; on the east, first Wat Po, the largest temple in the city, celebrated for its immense Reclining Buddha and school of traditional medicine, and then, emerging like a fabulous vision from behind a mundane modern building, the dazzling mile-square enclosure containing the Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, the greatest repository of classical Thai art and architecture.

After the palace, still on the Bangkok side, come ilpakom, or the Fine Arts University, housed partly in an old royal residence; Wat Mahathat, a leading center of Buddhist learning, which offers classes in meditation to foreign visitors; Thammasart University, the country's second oldest; and the National Museum, one of the largest in Southeast Asia. Across the river is Siriraj Hospital, Thailand's first modern hospital, noteworthy for containing no fewer than 10 museums, one of which is devoted to crime and displays the preserved bodies of several famous

Even on such a short trip along the Chao Phraya, one can get revealing glimpses of Bangkok's past and a sense of romance rarely experienced from the vantage point of its



ADVENTURE ON A SAILBOARD OFF THE COAST OF THAILAND, WITH ISLANDS RISING SHEER IN THE BACKGROUND.

SPORTING SCENE INCLUDES GOLF. SAILING - AND KICK-BOXING

ports are a big part of Thailand's obsession with sanuk, or fun. Every Sunday, except religious holidays, thousands of Bangkokians flock to the Royal Turf Club, the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, the Sanam Luang parade ground or to dozens of golf courses, tennis courts or parks to participate in or watch their favorite sports. Thousands more head for the beaches to swim, dive and para-sail. It is not just for fun. "The

Thais are very competitive." says Edward Thangarajah, sports editor of the Bangkok Post. bout.

"They'll bet on two cockroaches climbing up a wall, on which car will make it out of a traffic jam first."

Nowhere is this competitive spirit more apparent than at a muay Thai boxing match. Often the action in the stands is more interesting than in the ring. Punters wave their money and scream out ever-changing odds. The boxers, meanwhile, trade mean gan toh kicks and knee shots guaranteed to make even the seasoned Western boxing enthusiast wince. Adding to the maybem is the highpitched, frenzied "boxing music" accompanies every

are the Rajdamnoen and larly the women, are also Lumpini boxing stadiums in central Bangkok. These are the Thai equivalents to Madison Square Garden, where the crème de la crème of the national circuit punch and kick it out. Upcountry, every Thai town has its own stadium, where young fighters battle for a shot at the big time.

Among martial arts aficionados, muay Thai is recognized as the toughest of them all. Before he gets in the ring, each Thai kick Japan, has been rising fast. boxer goes through a 24hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week physical and spiritual training regimen. Without this training no one could survive the punishment of a

typical muay Thai bout. Visitors can observe Thai boxers at work at several of the most famous training camps, including the Chitralada Camp, off Rama Road in Bangkok, and at the Galaxy Camp, across the Chao Phraya River in Thon Buri. The latter camp is named after Khaosai Galaxy, an international boxer who became a national hero by defending his world junior ban-

tamweight title 17 times. Visitors to Bangkok in: early December should not miss the traditional boat races along the Chao Phraya River. The longboats have either 16 or 32 oarsmen. They hold practice races for several days up to Dec. 5, the birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, when the colorfully clad oarsmen race and take part

in a grand royal procession.

The traditional Thai sport of *takra*w is similar to volleyball except that a woven wicker ball is used instead of a rubber ball. And, as in Thai boxing, it is permitted to use the feet. "Takraw is a very fast and exciting Thangarajah. "But so far,

the tourists haven't caught on to it. I think it has a big notential as a spectator sport." The best place to watch a takraw match in Bangkok is the National Stadium on Rama I Road. Perhaps because Thai

youth spend so much time kicking the takraw ball around, they are also skillful soccer player. Keen rivalries are played out between neighboring villages, towns and provinces. The Thai national team is a

The best places to view a regional powerhouse. top-notch muay Thai match Thai tennis players, particugaining in international stature.

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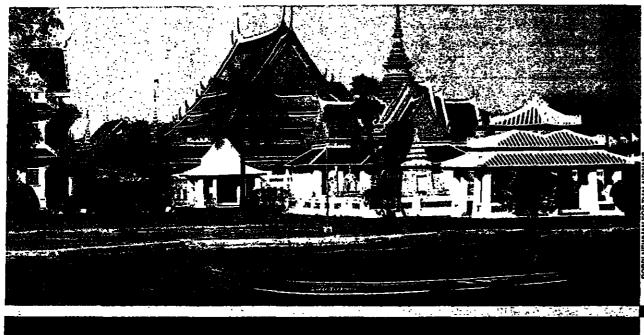
Golf has become so popular that Thai politicians are expressing alarm about all the farm land that is being taken out of production to build courses. Memberships in the best country clubs are sold on an exchange like the stock market, at prices in the 2 million baht (\$80,000) range. Even so, the number of "golf tourists," particularly from

The golf boom has been amazing in the last couple of years," Mr. Thangarajah says. "Golfers are coming from all over the world because our courses are some of the best in the world." Among the prime spots are the seaside Royal Hua Hin course, 150 kilometers (93 miles) southwest of Bangkok, and the spectacular Blue Canyon course on the southern resort

island of Phuket. Phuket is also a mecca for yachting enthusiasts. The Royal Yacht Club on Phuket's Nai Harn Bay has everything the serious sailor or diver needs for a charter to the unspoiled waters of the Similan islands and beyond. Closer to Bangkok, Pattaya's Royal Warusa Yacht Club has world-class facilities for exploring the vast Gulf of Siam. Kon Samui, 250 kilometers south of Bangkok, also his a wide assortment of bolt charters and diving geal, which can take a visitor b some splendid coral form tions off nearby smalle

islands. In addition, Koh Sam is the center of the not-to be-missed sport of Thai style bullfighting. Instead matadors, Thai bulls figh each other. Two buils ar placed in a large ring sepa rated by a curtain. Whe the curtain is pulled away the two bulls instinctively charge one another in a bar tle for territory. Naturally the betting that goes on during Koh Samui bullfights

The action in the ring ca be bloody as the bull' homs probe for weaknes es, but unlike Spanish bull fights, the bulls usually de not die. One buil turns tai and gallops out of the ring The punters jump out of the way, then settle their bets.



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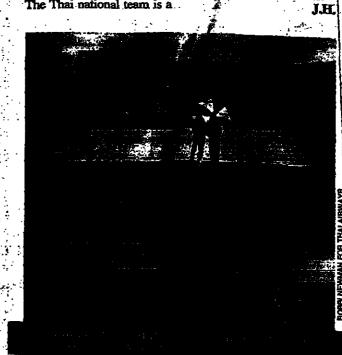
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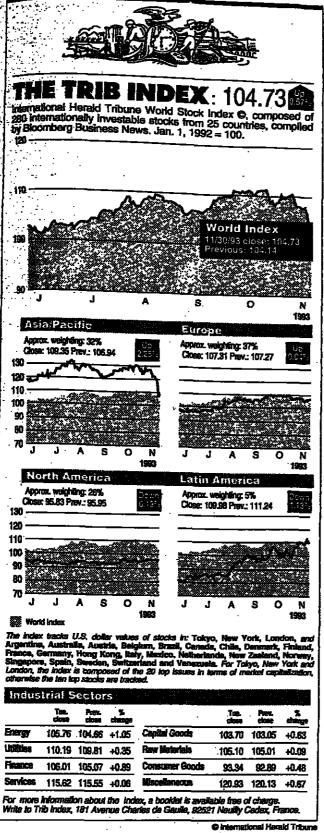
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For serious golfers, the La Costa Resort and Spa, south of Los Angeles, is a dream come true. Home of the Infinity Tournament of Champions, La Costa's two 18-hole courses offer the ultimate challenge. That Airways International is offering qualifying Royal Orchid Plus members an opportunity to improve their game under the watchful eye of La Costa's director, Carl Welty, one of the world's most respected golf instructors. The day-long private instruction includes on-course videotaping to allow golfers to get a good look at their game while playing on La Costa's courses. The instruction includes some of the most advanced learning techniques, such as Lebelon tape, cybernetic video repetition, laser beam alignment and swing analysis.





Airbus Laments Cuts in **Orders**

TOULOUSE, France - Airbus Industrie, the four-nation Europe-an consortium, said Tuesday it had received 20 more cancellations than new orders this year, high-lighting the severe recession in the world aircraft industry.

Jean Pierson, chairman of Airbus Industrie, gave the figure at a ceremony handing over the first of a planned 50 medium-haul planes to United Airlines at Airbus head-

quarters in Toulouse Mr. Pierson said that talks had restarted for an order of A-319 planes from the French domestic airline Air Inter, an Air France subsidiary, and that a positive out-come could be expected soon. "I think you can expect some good news in the next few weeks, before Christmas in any case," he said.

Airbus is a consortium made up of France's Aerospatiale, British Aerospace PLC, Construcciones Aeronauticas SA of Spain and the Deutsche Airbus unit of Germany's Daimler-Benz AG.

Mr. Pierson struck an aggressive note when discussing competition with Boeing Co., the chief rival of Airbus. He said he aimed for 50 percent of a world market shared equally with Boeing, rather than the current 30 percent goal.

"When you know your adver-sary, you cannot build a Maginot Line," said Mr. Pierson. "On the contrary, you have to go on the

■ Iberia Hopes to Cancel

Iberia SA, Spain's loss-wracked airline, said it wanted to lighten its financial burden by canceling a contract of 56 billion pesetas (\$400 million) with Airbus for eight aircraft, the Associated Press reported from Madrid.

According to Spanish press re-ports Tuesday, Iberia is also considering canceling its contract with Boeing for 13 aircraft. The company had agreed to buy 16 planes for 104 billion pesetas and Boeing has already delivered three.

Avoiding Tokyo's Cold Why Plunge in Stocks Hasn't Spread

By Brett D. Fromson Washington Post Service NEW YORK — The most surprising thing about the recent plunge in Japanese stocks may be what has not happened - the

panic in Tokyo has not spread to U.S. and European markets. But why hasn't the 23 percent slide in the world's second-largest financial market since mid-September caused investors in other countries to sell stocks?

The question intrigues some analysts, who until recently seemed worried that in the global economy of the 1990s, a sneeze in Tokyo could produce pneumonia on Wall Street. The answer so far, according to international investors and strate-

gists, is that Japan's current problems are unique - overpriced shares, poor corporate earnings, banks with too many bad loans and a stagnant economy.

Investors also attribute the de-

cline to a lessening of Japan's economic competitive edge relative to the United States and other nations. "The Japanese economy has major long-term problems," said Abby Joseph Cohen, co-chair of the invest ment policy committee at Gold-man, Sachs & Co.

riod that the Nikkei average has plummeted 23 percent, the Dow Jones industrial average has gained more than 100 points. Some analysts argue that the

Over the same two-month pe-

recent upward trend of the New York and London markets is mainly a result of low U.S. and British interest rates rather than any change in the relative

strengths of the underlying econ-omies. If rates were to rise from their current low levels, they say, investors might well respond to Tokyo's troubles by selling stocks and putting their money into short-term money market instruments such as certificates of deposit and Treasury bills. But with rates so low, U.S. stocks still look like a better investment.

Rising rates are unlikely. The world economy is sluggish; inflation is dormant and central banks have been keeping monetary reins

The Japanese economy has major long-term problems.

Abby Joseph Cohen, Goldman, Sachs & Co.

loose. That is far different from 1987, when a drop in the U.S. stock market did trigger a global financial panic - in part because interest rates were heading up.

Usually, international self-offs like October 1987 occur when the world economy is robust, interest rates are rising, and central banks tighten monetary policy because they fear inflation," said Charles Clough, chief investment strategist at Merrill Lynch & Co. Higher interest rates siphon money away from stocks and hurt investor confidence because higher interest rates lead sooner or

later to recession.

worried that the decline in Japan could spread. "This is not the end of the world," said Barton Biggs, chair-man of Morgan Stanley Asset

Management. "But it could slop over into other markets." Mr. Biggs is concerned that the Japanese economic slowdown means slower international growth, especially in Asia where the Japanese have recently

invested much of their money. The rest of the world is taking what Mr. Biggs called a "fairly blase" attitude because when Japanese stocks fell hard in 1990, other markets recovered immediately. The Dow Jones industrial average has risen steadily since July 1990, while Japanese stock

prices have continued to fall. U.S. stocks have gained over that period of time because of falling interest rates and im-proved corporate profits. "The stock market is telling us that the U.S. economy is expanding," said Mr. Clough of Merrill Lynch.

"We are gaining market share in a number of export industries, autos being an excellent example. Another reason that Tokyo and Wall Street have been heading in different directions, according to some analysts, is that Japanese stocks remain overpriced, even after their recent price drops. The typical Japanese company trades for between 60 to 70 times earnings, according to Paul Isaac, chief economist at Mabon Securities.

"That is pricey by Western standards," he said. "The typical U.S. company trades for about 20 times earnings."

Can Pump-Priming Boost Market?

By James Sterngold New York Times Service
TOKYO — Struggling to mas-

ter the art of massaging investor sentiment, the government re-versed on Tuesday its policy of leaving the depressed stock market to manage its own problems by issuing a flurry of promises that it would reinvigorate the battered economy.

The sudden show of concern heartened investors, helping buoy share prices modestly after the steep plunge on Monday. The Nikkei 225-stock index climbed 2.04 percent, to 16.406.54.

However, analysts insisted words would not be enough to support the market for long and investors would be waiting for clear signs the government of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa had a workable plan for pulling the economy out of its

The cabinet held an emergency meeting Tuesday to discuss the economic situation and afterwards ministers sounded like they were reading from a script written by stockbrokers. Nearly every official involved in economic affairs abandoned the reserve they had shown earlier and offered assurances they were aware of the depth of the economy's problems and that they would take measures to give it new life.

"I am very concerned about the market's movements," Mr. Hosokawa said. "It is imperative to take all possible pump-prim-

the markets with "utmost attention," while he was reported to have agreed with Hiroshi Kumagai, the minister for international trade and industry, to ease various restrictions on land transactions to give that deeply depressed market a lift.

Mr. Hosokawa then told the parliament he was prepared to reduce income taxes next year to boost consumer demand, one of the economy's weakest sectors. "Yesterday the government

disappointed everyone because they did not seem concerned," said Yuichi Matsushita, stockmarket strategist at Nikko Securities Co. "Today they seemed to ealize that they have to do something. Lip service lasts just a day or two, though. They're See MARKET, Page 13

Britain's Budget **Stresses Cuts Over New Taxes**

By Erik Ipsen

International Herold Tribure LONDON - Britain's chancelor of the exchequer surprised the nation Tuesday by unveiling a budget that was long on cost savings and short on tax increases.

In his annual budget speech to Parliament, Kenneth Clarke an-nounced £1.75 billion (\$2.60 billion) in new taxes for next year and waited until the end of his speech to pull the rabbit from his hat, a sur-prising £10 billion in spending cuts over the next three years.

Those public-expenditure savings dramatically reduced my need to raise taxes to get the borrowing requirement down," Mr. Clarke said. Throughout his 75-minute speech, the chancellor seemed to economy had been growing for six hint at a need for large tax increases, particularly extending the valueadded tax to goods not now covered, such as books and magazines.

Although the chancellor identified a "good" social security system as "an essential feature of a modern civilized state," he also said Britain's social security spending had been rising at an unsustainable annual rising at an unsustainable annual rate of 3 percent after inflation. To curb that rise, he announced benefits for the jobless would be paid for six months instead of 12 at present.

Mr. Clarke moved to defuse a dispute over the introduction of value-added tax on domestic fuel bills by offering a compensation package for those most likely to be affected by the measure, announced in March.

Long-term British government bond futures surged during and after the budget speech.

"I think we were all caught out a bit by the reduction in public expenditures," Keith Wade, an economist with Schroder Economics, said. Analvsts had expected tax increases of £2 billion to £3 billion to carry much of the burden of reducing Britain's government deficit. In the current year, the deficit is expected to total £50 billion, equivalent to 8 percent

of gross domestic product.

Mr. Clarke identified reducing public borrowing as his central aim. "We must sort out the problem of public borrowing once and for all," he said. With the planned changes in spending and revenue, year beginning in April and would rise can be sustained. vanish by the end of the decade. Still, Fabian Linden

on planned but unspecified reduct he way.

tions in government spending, Mr. Clarke's budget seemed likely to win points with middle-class voters. Some politicians and economists expressed reservations as to how attainable those savings would be. "It will be extremely difficult to stick to

those targets," Mr. Wade said. Mr. Clarke's biggest tax increases were on gasoline, diesel fuels and tobacco. Cigarette taxes will rise by 11 pence a pack. But for the first time in five annual budgets, the Treasury does not plan to increase the tax on beer.

Tuesday's budget speech cam against a backdrop of improvement m Britain's economy, highlighted by a fall of 137,000 in the jobless total since January Mr. Clarke said the successive quarters. He projected growth of 1.75 percent this year and 2.50 percent next year — figures were below many private forecasts.

Confidence Rises in U.S.

NEW YORK - Consumer confidence leaped in November to its highest level since January, a sign that American consumers may be ready to start spending, the Confer-ence Board said Tuesday.

The business research group's index of consumer confidence rose to 71.2 from a revised 60.5 in October. The October reading had been reported as 63.8.

The index, in which the 1985 level of confidence is used as a base of 100, is derived from surveys of 5.000 households.

The increase in confidence may indicate that consumers are ready to make major purchases that they had been postponing because of uncertainty about the economy.

But Kathy Camilli, an economist at Maria Fiorini Ramirez Inc., cautioned that unless the confidence figures were supported by growth the chancellor forecast the deficit in employment and incomes, "it would shrink to £38 billion in the remains a question" whether the

Still, Fabian Linden, executive diliefs, he also forecast a steady drop Consumer Research Center, said the in government spending as a pro-magnitude of the gain - rarely seen

portion of the British economy.

By putting so much of the burden

in the 25-year history of the survey
— suggested better times may be on

MEDIA MARKETS

K-III Holdings Re-Emerges

By Deirdre Carmody
New York Times Service

EW YORK -- In early 1991, the rumor in the magazine world was about who might buy the publications that Rupert Murdoch was rumored to be selling. Because these included high-profile magazines like New York and Seventeen, major publishers in-cluding Hachette SA of France and Bertelsmann AG of Germany were said to be interested.

But the buyer turned out to be an outsider, a dark horse with no experience in consumer magazines. It was K-III Holdings, a partnership controlled by Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co., the New York-based leveraged-buyout specialists.

The group, which previously acquired trade magazines, encyclopedias and specialized directories, paid \$650 million for eight of the Murdoch magazines and the highly profitable daily newspaper The Racing Form.
In late 1991, K-III further astonished the indus-

try by naming Harry A. McQuillen, president of Macmillan Publishing Co. and a man with no experience in magazines, to head K-III Magazines.

Then K-III went into the shadows. Only now is it returning to the spotlight. "From a competitive perspective, K-III is considered real," said Leo Scullin, a magazine consultant. "They can buy and sell media, and they have a lot of clout in the marketplace. They compete

with Hearst and Condé Nast on both a business and a prestige scale, although consumers don't know them from Adam." But in an industry where the perception of a

company is often as persuasive as its reality, some

say K.-III's two years of quiet were a risk.

"They have set themselves to stay out of the limelight, which they have done successfully, although I am not sure that that's a good idea in the magazine business," said Roberta Garfinkle, vice

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president and director of print media at McCann-Erickson Worklwide, the advertising agency.

"If their goal is to have this nice little magazine company that is there and hopefully makes them a profit, then that's fine. But if their goal is to make it a magazine company to be reckoned with and to compete with the big guys, I think it's high time

But, intentionally or not, K-III is back in the limelight. Since the end of September, it has been looking to fill the top editorial position at two of its magazines, New York and Seventeen.

Edward Kosner, the editor of New York for 13 years, left the magazine after being named editor of Hearst's Esquire. And K-III appointed Midge Richardson, editor of Seventeen, to the new posi-tion of editor-at-large, saying that after 18 years it was time for a change at the helm of the magazine. Although Mr. McQuillen declined to mention ames, he said he had "seriously talked at some level of discussion" to 10 or 12 people about Mr. Kosner's

"We are not talking about a dramatic change in the magazine's mission and focus," he said, "but we feel that we could have more excitement and

A strong contender for the job may be Peter Herbst, the acting editor, who has been with the magazine more than 10 years. Advertising and circulation have picked up during his short tenure as editor, and cover articles under his supervision. about Lauren Hutton, Barry Diller and surgery that

separated Siamese twins have drawn attention.

When Mr. Diller, chairman of QVC Network
Inc., refused to pose for the magazine, Mr. Herbst
used a news photograph showing a dispiritedlooking Mr. Diller with his head in his hands, under the headline "Mogul in a Mess." It was seen in the industry as an unusually tough cover photo, one that Mr. Kosner might not have run.

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Hong Kong to Allow 3 New Phone Firms

plans Tuesday for a major liberalzation of its telecommunications monopoly, allowing three new local contenders to compete for local telephone services after 1995.

The government said the move would save consumers 1.7 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$220 million) over a decade.

Currently Hong Kong Telecom-munications Ltd., controlled by Cable & Wireless PLC of Britain, has an exclusive franchise for the network for fixed local telecom-

New T&T Hong Kong Ltd., a wholly owned unit of Wharf (Holdings) Ltd., is one licence winner while Hutchison Communications Kong's Hutchison Whampon Ltd., and 20 percent by Australia's government-owned Telstra Corp., is

The third entrant will be New HONG KONG — The Hong World Telephone Ltd., a company Kong government announced in which Hong Kong's New World in which Hong Kong's New World Development Ltd. holds a 66.5 per-cent stake, U S West Inc. owns 25 percent, Shanghai Long Distance Telephone controls 5 percent and Infa Telecom Asia Ltd. holds 3.5

The licences are subject to approval by the Chinese government because they will last beyond 1997, when the British colony is sched-uled to be handed back to China.

Basic approval is expected to come through the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group, a diplomatic body that meets three times a year to tackle technical aspects of the transition in 1997. It is to holdsa session in London next week.

Seven applications were made for the licenses when the government began accepting them last year. One applicant withdrew. The government said that the conditions of each licence must still

New T&T has proposed to use its existing cable television network to provide services to telephones, telethe government said. Hutchison Communications will target mainly the business sector,

and New World Telephone is aiming at residential and small-busi-Arthur D. Little Inc., a consulting firm commissioned by the gov-ernment to study the local market, projected that the market would

double in inflation-adjusted terms

over the next decade, to around 14 billion Hong Kong dollars.

Gordon Siu, secretary for economic services, said he hoped that approvals could be issued next year. (AP, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

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MARKET DIARY

Stocks End Mixed On Economic Data

NEW YORK - Stocks closed mixed Tuesday on the New York Stock Exchange as investors digested good economic news, coupled with a warning from the govern-

ment about inflation. The news added to an alreadycomplex investment picture that is

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pulling stocks in different direc-

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.15 points, to 3,683.95. Declining shares outnumbered advancers on the New York Stock Exchange by a narrow margin. Over-the-counter issues fared

better, with the Nasdag composite index rising 7.15 points, to 773.52. An article in the Washington Post suggesting that the accelerating economic recovery could lead to higher inflation sent the market for U.S. Treasury bonds plunging. pushing up the yield paid on those securities. That exerted downward

pressure on stocks. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond was down 1 1/32 points at 99 7/32, to yield 6.30 percent.

Two positive economic reports added to the mix of influences. Chicago-area purchasing managers said regional business activity rose in November, Separately, the Conference Board, a business research group, said its Consumer Confidence Index rose almost 11

points this month, a jump rarely seen in the 25-year history of the influential index.

Public Service Enterprise Group paced the New York Stock Exchange actives, down 1/8 at 32%. Its stock is expected to trade ex-dividend Wednesday.

Wal-Mart Stores followed, down to 28% after a rating downgrade from Prudential Securities Inc.

Merck was third, up % to 34%. On Monday. Salomon Brothers raised its rating on Merck, saying it viewed the drug industry giant's merger with Medco Containment Services as positive for Merck's growth.

Among the oil issues. Dow components Exxon and Texaco were higher. Exxon rose % to 62%. Tex-

aco was up 4 to 644. Eleor Corp., which makes roof-ing and industrial products, plunged after it disappointed investors by announcing that it expected 1994 earnings to fall below the re-cord \$1.92 per share posted for its 1993 year, which ended in June. Elcor suggested analysts' estimates for earnings of \$2-\$2.10 per share were "too optimistic" for 1994. The stock numbled 4 to 18%.

Tipperary led the American Stock Exchange actives, down sharply after the Denver-based oil and gas company announced that its Comet Ridge No. 2 well in Queensland. Australia, failed to produce gas in commercial quantities.

(AP. Knight-Ridder, UPI)

Dollar's Rise Limited By Tietmeyer Warning

NEW YORK - Profit-takers shaved early gains for the dollar on Tuesday after Bundesbank President Hans Tietmever said the Bundesbank would not be pushed into cutting German interest rates purely to spur economic growth.

The U.S. unit closed at 1.7150 Deutsche marks, off an intraday

Foreign Exchange

high at 1.7175 DM but still above its Monday close of 1.7095 DM. The dollar had risen sharply ear-

ly in the session after the announcement of stronger-than-expected Conference Board consumer confidence and Chicago Purchasing Managers index data. which confirmed an accelerating recovery in the U.S. economy.

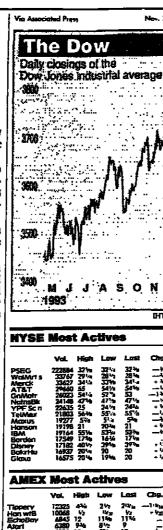
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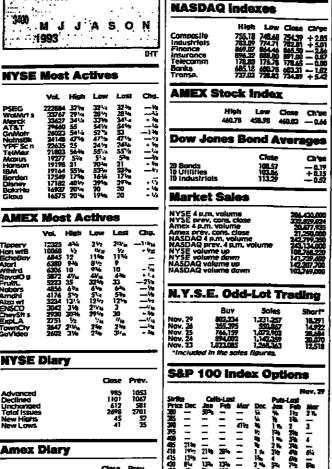
Arry Smith, a foreign exchange analyst at IDEA, said that interbank dealers who had been long dollars were unnerved by Mr. Tietmeyer's comment.

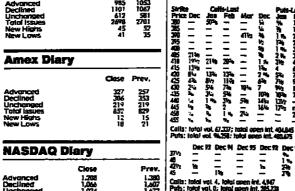
They were just looking for an excuse in any case," she said. "The Tietmeyer speech was actually quite dovish regarding inflation and interest rates, compared to previous times. Trading today was mostly technical, and when the 1.7185 level failed to break, the market took some profits."

Earlier in the day. Commerzbank predicted the Bundesbank would trim its Lombard and discount rate. both charged on collateralized loans to German banks, by a quarter to half a point on Thursday.

The dollar also rose to finish at 1.4985 Swiss francs, up from a close at 1.4905 francs on Monday, and to 5.9250 French francs from Win Thin, an analyst at MCM 5.9010 francs. The dollar fell CurrencyWatch, said the dollar against the Japanese currency, had been sold off against the mark however, slipping to 109.05 yen







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EC Divided on Aid to Airlines

BRUSSELS - Transport ministers failed to agree Tuesday on whether to allow EC governments to help airlines with severe economic problems. Belgium, which currently holds the EC presidency, put forward a proposal to establish a general EC fund or other financial mechanism aimed at helping the air-transport sector, a spokesman for the Council of

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Nynex Weighs Raising Viacom Stake

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) - Nymen Corp. said Tuesday it may increase its \$1.2 billion investment in Viacom Inc. and is prepared to forge stronger ties with the cable television conglomerate. Nynex would not say how much more it may invest. Sources close to Viacoun, which is locked in a battle with QVC Neiwork Inc. to acquire

Paramount Communications Inc., said Nynex may ante up an additional \$500 million to increase its stake in the cable television concern. Nynex, the regional telephone company for much of New York State and

New England, would not comment on whether plans to increase its involvement with Viacom were targeted at shoring up the Paramount bid.

Judge Clears Clifford of All Charges

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge dismissed bank fraud and bribery charges against Clark Clifford on Tuesday in the Bank of Credit & Commerce International scandal citing his advanced age and ill health. Mr. Clifford, who is 86, and Robert Ahman, 46, were indicted in July 1992 on charges of fraud and receiving bribes. The Washington law partners were accused of helping BCCI illegally get control of first American Bankshares, Washington's largest bank holding company, In August, Mr. Altman was acquitted after a four-month trial, but Mr. Clifford's come had been accurated after a four-month trial, but Mr. Clifford's case had been postponed after doctors testified that the courtroom ordeal would endanger his life.

Dell Results Cause Shares to Surge

AUSTIN, Texas (Bloomberg) — Shares of Dell Computer Corp. surged nearly 12.5 percent on Tuesday after the company surprised Wall Street by reporting unexpectedly strong earnings only a quarter after it had suffered its first loss as a public company. Its stock rose \$3, to \$27.125 a share. Dell reported earnings totaled \$28.6 million in the third quarter. Even though this represented a drop of 58 percent from a year ago, the figure was more than 10 times what many analysts had expected. (Bloomberg, AP)

Mexican Bus Maker to Buy U.S. Unit

MEXICO CTTY (Bloomberg) — Consorcia G Grupo Dina SA said it had reached an agreement to acquire Motor Coach industries International Inc., the one-time Dial Corp. unit that was the bus-building arm of

the Greyhound bus line.

Under the terms of the agreement, a newly formed U.S. unit of Dina, a Mexican bus maker, would accept all of Motor Coach's outstanding common shares for a new class of Dina stock. Motor Coach shareholders would receive new stock worth \$16.72 for each Motor Coach share held, amounting to 13 percent more than Motor Coach's closing price of \$14.75.

The offer comes a day after a Dallas investment group led by affiliates of the Mary Kay cosmetics empire said it held 5.7 percent of Motor Coach.

Owens-Illinois Forms Joint Venture

TOLEDO, Ohio (Bloomberg) - Owens-Illinois Inc., taking advantage of the strong demand for its pharmaceutical packaging and scientific laboratory products, said Tuesday it had agreed to form a joint venture with Gerresbeimer Glas AG of Germany.

Under terms of the agreement, Gerresheimer will acquire a 51 percent stake in OI Kimble FTS Inc., an Owens-Illinois subsidiary, for an undisclosed amount. He said that the company would disclose the price before the end of the war when it expects to complete the transaction.

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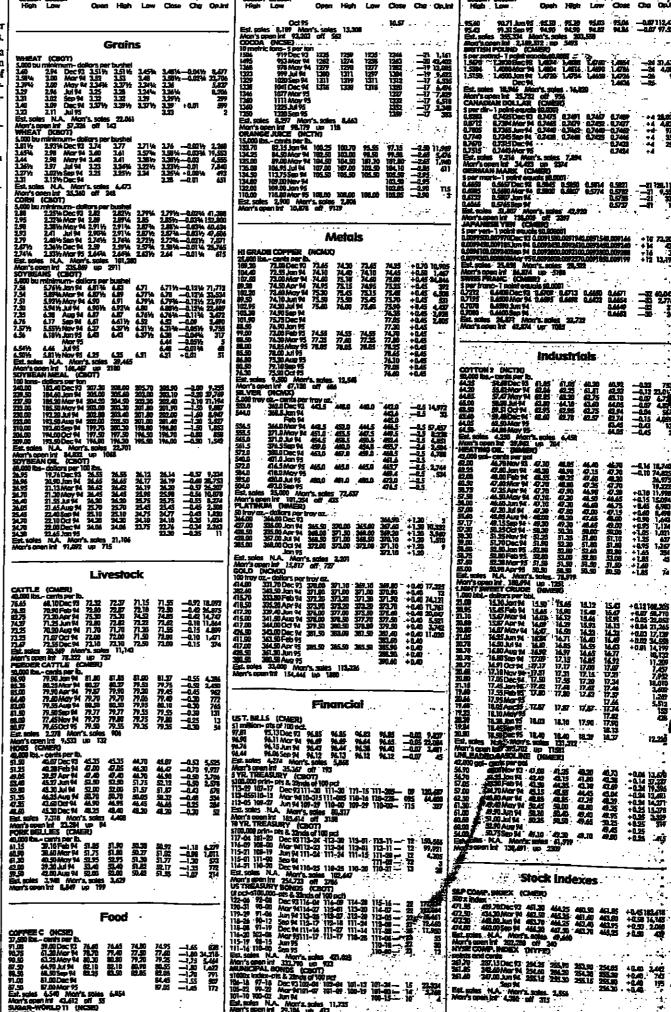
OI Kimble currently has annual sales of about \$200 million and employs about 2,000 people.

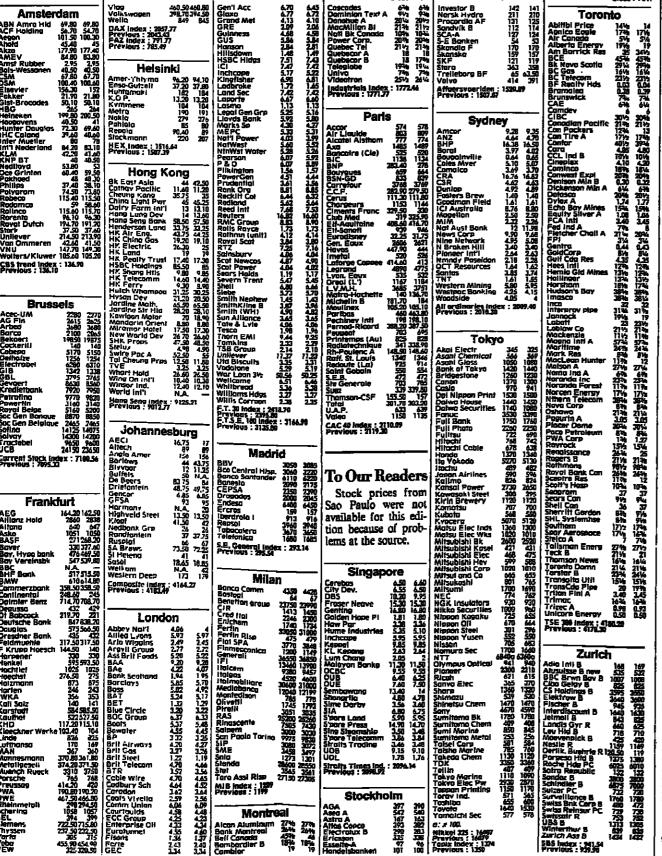
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agreed to buy Tradigrain SA, an nternational grain trader based in Four Seasons Hotels, the operator of luxury hotels, said it has put Geneva. Terms were not revealed, properties in London, San Francisco, Austin, Santa Barbara and Vancou Tradigrain, formerly owned by ver up for sale to reduce its debt. British Petroleum Co., specializes

Mattel Inc. said it completed its \$1.2 billion purchase of Fisher-Price Inc., another toymaker. Mattel also declared a five-for-four stock split and said it planned to maintain a quarterly dividend of 6 cents a share resulting in a 25 percent increase in the dividend payout to shareholders (Bloomberg) starting in the second quarter of 1994.

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Sofia Retreats on Privatizations Some Blame Bureaucracy, Others Cite Fear for Jobs

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Biomberg Business News:

SOFIA — Standing in the glaring lights of Bulgarian television, before dozens of foreign bankers and managers, President Zhelyu Zhelev smiled proudly, then asked for questions. Up jumped an angry Stoimir Djoudjev, representing Amylum NV, the Belgian company that in May bought a bankrupt Bulgarian starch and sweeteners manufacturer: Why, Mr. Djoudjev demanded, had Amylum still not received its property deed or responses to 20 letters it sent the government requesting 20 letters it sent the government requesting

The president did not miss a beat. Yes, he said, Bulgaria is swamped with bureaucratic red tape, even corruption. He promised to pass the matter on.

The scene, played out at a recent international investment conference in Bulgaria, could easily be dismissed as one foreign investor's petty complaints. But Amylum is the government's showpiece of economic reform the first successful state-asset sale to a foreigner. Its problems, say consultants, bankers and even government officials, indicate Bulgaria's sales of state companies - sluggish

to begin with — may be grinding to a halt.
"The government does not want to privatize," said Alexander Boshkov, the former head of Bulgaria's privatization agency. For a country buried in debt, with rising unemployment, staggering inflation and state industries desperate for cash, Bulgaria's reluctance to sell state companies threatens the survival of the nation's fragile economy and

its four-year-old reform program, Western economists and analysts said.

Most attribute the hold-ups to political bickering between ex-Communists and re-

to do modest little tweaking. Pretty

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ken up to the fact that this is not a

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Repairing Europe, where IBM

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collects roughly one-third of its

worldwide revenue, is crucial to the

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from mistakes in the United States

and continue to prosper as Europe

moves from buying big-profit large computers to low-profit desktop

For all the talk of a single market

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offers a test of whether it can learn

formers over the direction of Bulgaria's eco-nomic future, a poor legal framework for selling state assets and a growing distrust of

The government does not want to privatize.' Alexander Boahkov, former

were interested. It also stalled a mass-privati-

"I really think they're not willing to put up the companies for privatization because some of these people will lose their jobs," said Marcus Delouche, an Arthur Andersen con-

Since political change swept Eastern Europe in 1989, Bulgaria has focused most of its reform efforts on returning buildings and

A growing private sector, mostly small businesses has emerged in Bulgaria, and now accounts for 20 to 30 percent of economic activity, according to John Wilton, the World Bank representative in Sofia. An agreement to reduce Bulgaria's \$9 billion debt to Western commercial banks is seen as a critical step for helping lure more investment.

But the country's underlying centralized structures remain intact. Some government officials even talk about "economic nationalism," a phrase that goes down particularly badly with foreign companies already doing business in the country, such as Shell Oil Co. and Coca-Cola Co.

"The privatization of the industrial sector is at a total standstill," said Ivan Stancioff, Bulgaria's ambassador to Britain. "In the meantime, the nation's capital in trained personnel, in plant and in equipment is evaporating, rusting and becoming obsolete."

With such a slow start in selling state assets Bulgaria's leaders and foreign investors have lauded the sale six months ago of the starch and sweetener making plant, Tsarevichni Produkti, 10 Amylum, a subsidiary of the British food company Tate & Lyle PLC.

It was the first of two large state company sales the government has completed. By all accounts, the deal was a nightmare to complete, involving negotiations with 97 creditors. After more than a year of negotiations,

necessary licenses.

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from \$5 billion in 1991 to \$2.9

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now stands at about 50 percent.

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Amylum offered to pay \$20 million for an 80 percent stake and spend another \$20 million on the plant within several years. Yet six months after the agreement was signed, Amylum still is fighting to secure the

By Failure of Talks On Social Accord

Madrid Stocks Hit

MADRID — Spanish stock differences among the three carnes prices were lower Tuesday, de-were too large to be overcome. pressed by worries about a general

Labor, business and the government had been negotiating a plan to limit wage increases and loosen Spain's employment laws, which make it difficult to fire workers and

impose other rules on companies. Prime Minister Felipe González has set a deadline of Friday, after which he would impose government-mandated measures.

The government's proposals pleased neither business nor labor. Business leaders have said they do not go far enough, while unions on Monday threatened a general strike in January if the government did not withdraw its proposal.

In stock trading, the general in-dex fell 2.60 points, to 292.94, with banks pressured for the third straight day. Banco de Santander ended at 6.110 pesetas (\$43.60). down 110 pesetas, and Argentaria fell 140, to 6.010.

The falling stock prices reflected worries about the economy in general as well as potential labor strife.

With unemployment near 23 percent and the economy stalled in the European recession, all sides had

A spokesman at the Finance strike in January after the country's Ministry said the cabinet would prospects for reaching a social pact appeared to have fallen apart. consider and in all likelihood approve the government proposals on Friday.

Unemployment In France at 12%

The Associated Press PARIS - France's jobless rate climbed to 12.0 percent in October from 11.8 percent in September, as the number of unemployed workers rose by 40,300, the Labor Ministry announced Tuesday.

A total of 3.282.500 French citizens were registered with the National Agency for Employment last month, the ministry said. The figures were a sign that an

apparent rebound in the economy in the second quarter did not take hold. Early indications for October had been negative, including a 1.2 percent drop in household sumption from September. Consumers' fears of losing their jobs has been a key reason for low household spending. The Labor Ministry said more than 50,000 workers were laid off for economic reasons in October.

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Very briefly:

• Skandia AB, an insurer with a 4.1 percent stake in Volvo AB, said it would oppose Volvo's planned merger with Renault SA.

· Accor SA, the French hotel compnany, and Ifil SpA, a holding company controlled by the Agnelli family of Italy, said they and other investors had bought a 51 percent stake in the Hungarian hotel group Pannonia. The EC Commission said it was clearing a Continental AG subsidiary's acquisition of a controlling interest in J.H. Benecke, currently controlled by DG Bank Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank of Frankfurt.

 France will offer to exchange ERAP-Elf oil certificates for shares in Société Nationale Elf Aquitaine after privatizing the oil concern, the Finance Ministry said. ERAP is a state holding company that has the state's 50.79 percent stake in the oil company Elf

 Finnair said it swung to a six-month profit of 89.8 million markka (\$15.4 million) from a loss of 197 million markka a year earlier.

 LOT, the Polish airline, said talks between it and British Airways over rights to fly passengers between North America and Poland via London Bloomberg, AFN, Reuters

Ferruzzi Capital Plan Cleared

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MILAN — Ferruzzi Finanziaria SpA shareholders on Tuesday approved a capital call aimed at sav-

ing the group from bankruptcy. Shareholder approval of the 2.48 trillion lire (\$1.46 billion) capital call came hours after the Ferruzi food and chemical group had received its creditor banks' support

for the rescue operation. The plan envisages share issues destined for creditor banks and investors, interest forgiveness, debt

of the money is expected to come from a rights issue subscribed to by

creditor banks. "Allow me to breath a deep sigh of relief," said Ferruzzi's chairman, Guido Rossi, who had been appointed by its creditors.

Shareholders of Montedison SpA, the group's main industrial arm, will be asked to vote on a similar capital increase Wednesday, to complete the actions needed to put the rescue of Italy's secondlargest private company into prac-(Reuters, Bloomberg)

foreign investors and consultants. The government this year canceled its planned sale of Balkan Bulgarian Airlines, although several foreign banks and airlines

head of the privatization agency.

zation plan that was modeled on voucher programs in Poland and the Czech Republic. Even the self-off of Bulgaria's hottest industry - tourism - has been delayed. At the invitation of the government, Arthur Ander-sen & Co., with backing from the European Community's PHARE program, launched a study on prospects for selling state assets in Bulgaria's launched Black Sea resorts, the luxurious Sheraton Hotel in Sofia and other tourist treasures. Now, the government will not take the time to review the results.

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furthest along in the computing equivalent of deregulation, desktop machines. Companies and univer-sities are rushing to replace main-

frames and get on with the new

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size line of computers known as the

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rector-general, said Tuesday that the United States and Europe must European IBM employees are move immediately to resolve their differences if the negotiations are to succeed.

"We are very close to a cutoff Today, IBM is pressing on with date now." Mr. Sutherland, speakits move to whittle down manufacing from Geneva, said in a teleturing's share of its revenue pie. It nhone interview with reporters in Washington, Until the administraaccording to Mr. Henkel. Hot now are fields in which it has rare talents and experience. In a perforgap between them a completion of mance it would like to replicate in France. Capital spending dropped the United States, it has become fast, hitting especially hard at a company specializing in selling ma-company in Europe, with sales of the worldwide talks in Geneva is impossible, he said.

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"The general view here with a lot

of hardened negotiators is that we will have an agreement" by Dec. 15, the deadline set by the U.S. Congress, Mr. Sutherland said. "I believe the make or break of the Uruguay Round is largely if not completely in the hands of the European Community and the United

Mr. Sutherland said he was particularly concerned about U.S. demands for changes in the draft rules governing settlement of trade disputes. Mr. Kantor said the United States was not going to surren-der its rights to use trade sanctions tion of President Bill Clinton and to respond to dumping of low-the European Community close the priced imports or subsidized competition that violates U.S. trade

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Mitsubishi **And Daimler Set Accords**

BERLIN — Daimler-Benz AG and Mitsubishi Corp. announced Tuesday that they had reached several cooperation agreements.

They include accords to transfer semiconductor technology, to give a Mitsubishi unit responsibility for marketing a process developed by the Daimler unit Mercedes-Benz AG and an Austrian partner for recycling automobiles, to give Mercedes-Benz the rights to assemble and market Mitsubishi pick-up trucks in South Africa, and to jointly conduct a feasibility study on recycling waste plastics. Few de-tails were given about the new

Damler-Benz and Mitsubishi began doing business together in 1987, when Mitsubishi Motors agreed to help sell Mercedes-Benz cars in Japan.

The companies, the largest in Germany and Japan, said at the time that they hoped to launch a range of projects, including cooperation in aerospace, but skeptics long questioned whether the relationship was functioning well in the absence of many concrete signs of cooperation. (AFX, Bloomberg)

India's Tata Faces a Fight **Problems Swell After Death of Chief**

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BOMBAY — India's biggest business concern, the Tata group, may face a struggle to retain its position in the country's corporate world after the th of its chairman, J.R.D.

Tata, analysts said.

They said Mr. Tata's death
Monday had come just as the group faced its stiffest challenge vet from foreign competition in the wake of India's free-market moves to open up its economy.

Mr. Tata had headed the Tata
group for half a century. The
Bombay Stock Exchange was

closed Tuesday in his me Tatas, with annual sales of \$5 hillion, also faces internal problems linked to its being reorga-nized to face foreign competition after Mr. Tata handed over the

running of the group to a rela-tive, Ratan Tata, in 1991. "Things have not gone smoothly or with dignity for the Tata group in the last two years," India's leading business newspa-per, The Economic Times, said in an editorial.

Many of the conglomerate's largest companies, from cars to

steel, are reporting falling profits as India removes protectionist

"Increased competition and changes in the country's tariff structure seem to be hurting the Tata group companies," said M. Alarkan. an analyst with the-Parag Parikh brokerage.

For the six months ended

Sept. 30, Tata Iron & Steel Co. reported a 90 percent drop in profit, Associated Cement Cos. reported a 36 percent drop, and Tata Engineering & Locomotive Co. announced profit far below its peak of two years ago.

Ratan Tata has blamed cuts in government spending on infra-structure projects. There is a decline in the country's economic activity which hits us the most, being in the core sector," he said. Rafiq Dossani, a director of Jardine Fleming India Ltd., said the government was a major buyer of the group's products, but, "having cut taxes, it has stopped

He said the government consumed nearly 35 percent of the steel, half of the cement and most of the trucks made in India, add-

funding infrastructure projects."

ing, "From that level it has come down to nearly nothing."

According to Tata managers, Ratan Tata has shifted the group's focus from heavy industry to information technology, telecommunications and automobiles. This year, he got nid of the foundering detergents and toilet-ries maker, Tata Oil Mills Co. which was acquired by Hindustan Lever, a subsidiary of Unilever.

Tata Industries Ltd., one of the group's holding companies, has set up Tata Information Systems Ltd. in partnership with Interna-tional Business Machines Cosp. and Tata Telecom Ltd. is collaborating with American Telephone & Telegraph Co. to make tele-

phone switching equipment.

Tata Iron & Steel is implementing a 50 billion rupee (\$1.61 billion) plan to expand its capac-ity to 3 million metric tons from 2 million, which analysts say is one reason its profit was low.

"What Ratan Tata has to do is take a few more risks, push his companies harder for growth and retain the decentralized functioning of the group," one

Seoul Official Says Rice Import Ban May Have to End

SEOUL -- An influential South Korean newspaper said Tuesday that government officials were starting to believe the country's ban on rice imports would have to be lifted.

The newspaper, Joongang Ilbo, quoted a high-ranking official of the Agriculture and Fisheries Ministry as saying it was becoming im-possible to uphold South Korea's traditional resistance to the opening of its rice market.

"Our government's position [of opposing rice imports] is still the same," he said. But he added that, "looking at all that has recently happened," it was becoming "very difficult to keep" the ban in place.

A spokesman at the ministry refused to comment, saying the re-marks reflected the individual view of one official. But it was the latest crack to appear in the government's traditional wall of opposition to rice imports.

The South Korean government, citing dependence of its farmers on the rice crop, prohibits all imports,

although rice is far more expensive in South Korea than elsewhere. like South Korea has long banned rice imports — a Cabinet member indicated Japan might compromise on the issue.

As a group of lawmakers began a

48-hour hunger strike Tuesday in the parliament building as a protest, reports continued to circulate that the government made a deal with Washington to allow imports of up to 8 percent of rice consumption. Earlier, another group of law-

makers submitted a resolution to Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa demanding that he not allow rice imports. While the government has denied it has accepted a "minimum-access"

plan for imports, Kosuke Uehara, director-general of the National Land Agency, said he believed its acceptance might be unavoidable. While it is important to protect

Japan's national interests, we may well come to the point where we must consider international cooperation." Mr. Uchara said. (Reuters, AP, NYT)

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Very briefly:

Hanwa Co.'s chairman was arrested on charges of diverting millions of dollars of foreign currency to buy a villa in Los Angeles. Kim Seung-yeon, 43, head of one of Korea's largest companies, was charged with violating

Malaysia Airlines said pretax profit plunged 96 percent in the six months ended Sept. 30, to 6.34 million ringgit (\$2.47 million) from 149.34 million, because of "intense price competition" in the world airline industry. Sales rose 4.1 percent, to 2.02 billion ringgit.

 Asea Brown Boveri Ltd. has set up a venture with Xiamen Torch Co. to build paint-finishing plants for the Chinese auto industry.

 New Oji Paper Manufacturing Co. said its chairman, Toshihiko Kawa mura, would resign to take responsibility for investment losses. Exxon Corp. signed a contract to explore for oil and gas in the East China Sea, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

 Kowloon Motor Bus Co. has scrapped plans to redevelop its bus depots in Kwun Tong and Kwai Chung and has sold the sites for 1.73 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$224 million) to Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltn.

• Lockheed Foreign Enterprise Co., a unit of Lockheed Corp., has received permission to invest \$23.4 million in Taiwan to provide aircraft technology support services, the Investment Commission said.

· California Energy Co. pledged to invest \$800 million in geothermal power plants in Java in cooperation with the Association of Retired Military sinessmen, an Indonesian executive said. AP, Bloomberg, UPI, AFP

JAPAN: Officials Consider Adopting Deficit Spending to Boost Economy

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spending curbs. By 1991, the government's deficit was down to zero; it has not borrowed a yen for operating expenses since then. Japan is the only one of the G-7 group of rich nations

currently running a budget surplus.

The elite graduates of Japan's top colleges who hold coveted jobs as Finance Ministry bureaucrats consider this their shining achievement. In the ministry's proud budget bureau, virtually every official can quote, in English, a comment by British economic journalist Bill Emmott: "Japan's Finance Ministry is the envy

"The bureaucrats' basic view," noted Hiroshi Kumagai, the minister of international trade red ink is a drug and you better not start because you'll get addicted."

But many people - President Bill Clinton among them — have argued that this firm aversion to deficit financing is a mistake for a country mired in recession. "It's kind of amazing," said a top U.S. diplomat here, "to see a modern developed country that has evidently never heard of Lord Keynes."

John Maynard Keynes argued that governments should balance budgets during healthy economic periods but should be willing to run up deficits now and then to boost an economy out of recession

The Finance Ministry has had enough clout

and industry and a former bureaucrat, "is that for the past three years to repel Keynsian spending programs.

> the government may be ready to venture into the red, the media reported Tuesday. If Mr. Hosokawa were to agree to deficit spending, there are various proposals around for how he might use the money. The most likely option is an income-tax cut, with rate reductions geared mainly toward big incomes.

But the bad news is so widespread here that

too late to help the stock market. Other proposals floating around would set up an emergency jobs program for farmers, a new public works program, or government purchases of products of ailing industries.

MARKET: Can Tokyo Help?

Continued from Page 9 going to have to do something sub-

The depth of the economy's problems were clear Tuesday in two key reports. The government said unemployment rose to 2.7 per-cent, the highest level in nearly six But some analysts say the impact would come

> In addition, the government said industrial production fell 5.1 per-

Taiwan Monitor Plant Bloomberg Business News TAIPEI - Philips Electron-

Philips to Construct

ics NV announced Tuesday plans for a 9 billion Taiwan dollar (\$334.1 million) computer monitor component factory, making it one of the company's largest recent investments.

The facility is intended to supply local monitor makers, which as a group are expected to control a major share of the world monitor market in the next several years.

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Half the Huskies **Could Have Won**

Virginia, with four starters back from the team that advanced to the NCAA tournament's round of 16 -last season, was expecting big things when it opened its season in the very friendly confines of University Hall in Charlottesville.

And what the Cavaliers got was a record blowout. However, it was unranked Connecticut that rolled to a 77-36 victory Monday night.

The first thing I know, we're up 20, then 25, then 30, and all I can

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

remember thinking is that it couldn't be happening this easy," said Kevin Ollie, who scored 12 of his 16 points in the first half as the Huskies (2-0) took a 29-point lead and never let Virginia threaten. Connecticut, applying pressure defense, finished with 32 fast break points in snapping the Cavallers' 18-game home winning streak

against nonconference foes. Virginia in posting its lowest point total since it started playing in University Hall 29 years ago, also experienced its most lopsided loss there. The previous worst was a 99-73 loss to Kentucky in 1965, the

first game played there. "I want to apologize to everybody who was here tonight for having to sit through something like that," said Virginia's coach, Jeff Jones. "We stunk the place up."

Virginia committed 20 turnovers and made just 12 of its 53 field goal attempts, or 23 percent. The Cavaliers had just 25 rebounds to the Huskies' 59, and Connecticut had

18 assists to Virginia's four. They did exactly what we anticipated," Jones said, "We were prepared for the press and for everything else they did. We just got

outplayed."
"I've been there," said Connecti-cut's coach, Jim Calhoun, whose used 11 players for at least 11 minutes apiece. "We took a 16-1 team into Madison Square Garden and lost by 33 points" to Saint John's, "so I sympathize with Jeff. But I must say that during the game. I

wasn't feeling any sympathy."
The Cavaliers also lost junior

Clippers' Webber **Out Indefinitely** With Ankle Sprain

The Associated Press OAKLAND, California — Chris Webber, the star rookie of the Golden State Warriors who missed most of training camp because of an appendectomy, will be sidelined indefinitely with a sprained ankle. "His status is day to day," said a team spokesman, David Hatfield.

Webber was examined Monday by team doctors, who confirmed the initial diagnosis. Webber sprained his left ankle during Sunday night's game in Detroit when he fell over Bill Laimbeer of the Pistons. X-rays showed no break.

Webber had injured the same ankle during training camp and missed Golden State's first two

point guard Cory Alexander, the team's scoring and assist leader from a year ago, to a twisted ankle just before the midway point of the first half.

No. 2 Arkansas 93, Murray St. 67; The Razorbacks (1-0) opened their new home, 19,200-seat Walton Arena, with a 13-0 run to start the game and cruised from there.
No. 5 Michigan 84, Cleveland St.

71: The Wolverines (2-0) trailed by 37-29 at halftime of their home opener, but went on a 35-15 run midway through the second half to take control. Juwan Howard led Michigan with 25 points. Reggie Welch tied a career-high with 22

points for the Vikings (0-2). No. 8 Oklahoma State 94, Oral Roberts 52: Bryant Reeves had 24 points and Brooks Thompson added 20 for the Cowboys (3-0), who closed the first half with a 22-0 nm to take a 48-21 lead. They have beaten the Titans by a total of 87 points the last two seasons. No. 15 Minnesota 107, Mississip-

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and took over in the first half.

No. 22 George Washington 85, suddenly it's in jeopardy. American University 50: Yinka If the Houston Rockets defeat the Milrivalry in Washington, D.C.



Death Comes Suddenly On Sydney Golf Course

Greg Norman (back to camera, wearing hat) helps minister to Harry Watts, a prominent Australian businessman who was stricken with a beart attack Tuesday and died on the Lakes course in Sydney. Watts, 51, the managing director of the Woolwerth's food group, collapsed on the 14th fairway while playing with Norman in a pro-am prelude to the Greg Norman Open. Norman called for an ambulance on his mobile phone, while a spectator began cardio-pulsionary resuscitation attempts, in vain.

Far From the Days of the 2-Hand Set Shot, Red's Record Lives

By Dave Anderson

NEW YORK - In pro basketball's pioohers (3-2) started the game with a neer years, the Caps had nothing to do 26-2 run and went on to set a school with salaries and everything to do with a record with 13 3-pointers. Voshon 31-year-old coach named Red Auerbach.

Lenard and Randy Carter each had 16 points for Minnesota. When the Washington Capitols opened the 1948-49 schedule with 15 consecutive victories, Red Auerbach's team set a re-Khalid Reeves had 21 points for cord for a winning streak at the start of a Arizona, which opened its season season. As one of the oldest lines in the at home with a pressure defense National Basketball Association ledger, that record has endured for 45 years. But

Dare had 21 points to lead the wankee Bucks in Houston on Tuesday Colonials (1-0) to their fourth night for a 14-0 start, they will have an straight victory in the crosstown opportunity to match the Caps' record on

rivalry in Washington, D.C.

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points and 12 rebounds for the together, but it's also not harder," Auer-Bearcats (2-1), who shot just 35 bach was saying from his home in Washpercent against Wyoming's zone ington. "It's harder because there's more parity, but it's not harder now because it

was harder to win on the road then. The officials were different then. Officials have such security in their jobs now, they're

It's as if Caps was short for a time capsule that had been opened. Instead of thumping rock music, soaring slam-dunks and chartered jetliners, pro basketball in these arrivations of the NDA manufactured. those early years of the NBA meant smoky arenas, two-hand set shots and train rides. Instead of Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley and Patrick Ewing, it meant George Mikan, Bob Davies and Joe Fulks.

ball also meant Arnold (Red) Auerbach. Now the Boston Celtics' president, he will always be known best for having constructed the Celtic dynasty, for having snatched the rights to Bill Russell in a trade with the St. Louis Hawks, for having drafted Larry Bird, who still had another season at Indiana State. But in 1948 he had

And then as ever since then, pro basket-

geared the Caps to their 15-0 start. "In those days," he recalled, "other coaches believed in their players playing

themselves into shape, but I wanted my players to come into camp in good shape and then get themselves in top shape. After awhile, the other teams caught on."

Auerbach's teams in Boston were always at their best in the playoffs, winning nine championships. But it's no coincidence that the NBA's second-longest streak at the start of the season is 14 games, set by Auerbach's first reigning champion Celtics in the fall of 1957, a year after Russell joined Bob Cousy, Bill Shar-man and Tom Heinsohn.

"Arnold stressed getting the guys in shape more than anything else," Cousy has said. "He liked to get out of the box early."

Once the Celtics were hoping to tie what was then the NBA's record of 18 consecutive victories, set by the Rochester Royals

"But when you go and try to do it, it doesn't happen," Auerbach said. "We were going for 18 in Detroit, which had

night before I told the gays, Let's stay in tought and watch TV; I'll buy the beer and pretzels. That's what we did. But the next night we lost."

Though winning their division by six games, Auerbach's streaking Caps skidded to a 38-22 finish in that 1948-49 season, then eliminated the Philadelphia Warriors and the Knicks in the playoffs, but lost the championship final to the Minneapolis Lakers in six games. Six years before the 24-second shooting clock, Mikan, a 6-toot-10-inch center, had averaged 28.3 points as the Lakers averaged 84 points.

But when Mike Uline, the Caps' owner, refused to give Amerbach a three-year contract, he departed. Midway in the 1950-51 season the Capa disbanded, but by then Auerbach, an assistant at Duke briefly before coaching the Tri-Cities Blackhawks, had become the Celtics' coach.

"Boston is where I started lighting up cigars on the beach when I knew we had

When the Basketball Association of America was formed for the 1946-47 season, Anerbach had sold himself to Uline as the Caps first coach, then signed some of that are's best players, notably Bob Feer-ick, Fred Scolari and Bones McKinney. "The season the Caps had the streak,"

Anerbach said, "Sonny Hertzberg was the first 'sixth' man." Hertzberg, now a managing director at Bear Steams, had played for City College and the original Knicks.

The best teacher I ever had was Nat Holman," Heatzberg said of his City Col-lege coach, "but Red Auerbach was the best coach. Red could tell you where all 10 players had been on the court after a play. And when Red Auerbach was reminded about his 15-0 start, he told you how the

streak ended. "On the road against the Indianapolis Jets," he said. "One of the worst teams in

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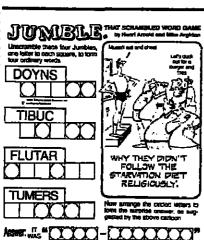
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The Quiet Hero

L ONDON — The sporting good life can turn wickedly transient, as Paulo Futre has discovered: Two minutes after celebrating his debut goal in Italy for Reggiana, Futre tore ligaments in his right knee. Whether he scores again is now a medical matter.

That is soccer's way. It raises a man to exaltation and cuts him down through the fickleness of the flesh. The tranma comes with the honor. Right now. Roberto Baggio of Juventus is being fitted for the crown of European footballer of the year. But Marco van Basten, the player who has worn the title through 1993, has spent the greater pairt of his year riddled by pain and concern as to his future.

Doctors in Italy and Belgium have warned van Basten that the accumulated damage in his right ankle can tolerate no more abuse. If he tries to shortcut nature's healing processes, as he did in the past, the tissues could be beyond repair.

His season with AC Milan, and his World Cup campaign with the

Netherlands, are receding dreams to the world's best goalscorer, who has said, "I can't believe my career is going to end like this." If van Basten is wise enough, or frightened enough, he will allow the pace of his recuperation to be set by Marc Martens, whose surgical skills and after-care helped Rmid Gullit salvage his career. Van Basten, 29, has a special talent, a brain that can think in a fraction

Rob Hughes

of the time it takes others to react. This should, by now, have made van Hughes Basten financially independent. He has been Europe's player of the year three times — and his chance of a fourth demands the patience to suspend time, to rest for as long as it

Meanwhile, Baggio will be confirmed as van Basten's successor as soon as France Football gets around to announcing its poll. A French TV station leaked the news after word spread that Baggio had sat for the official photograph with the Golden Ball trophy. Secrets are as hard to keep in soccer as the flesh is hard to protect.

However, the move Baggio made from Fiorentina to Juventus three years ago was a masterpiece of intrigue,
It was sealed in the dead of night, a month before the 1990 World Cup.
A red, chauffeur-driven Lancia craised up to Baggio's mansion and out

stepped Luca di Montezeanolo, the director general of Italia '90, and nowadays president of Ferrari. Montezemolo is hardly a man to send on a secret mission. His profile at

the time was higher than Baggio's. Yet his persuasive charm was needed to pull off the deal because Count Flavio Pontello, the Fiorentina president, had refused to speak to Juventus. "I went to the Baggio house at 12 o'clock in the night because it had to

be done quietly," says Montezemolo. Money was not the problem. Juventus paid a world record fee — 11 billion lire plus the transfer of Renato Buso - the equivalent to \$12 million to Fiorentina. Baggio accepted a three-year contract at \$1 million, phis bonuses each season.

When daylight brought the announcement that Baggio, the idol of Florence, had gone, the notorious ultrus rioted with such venom that 51 Count Pontello, the subject of their wrath, did not last long as Fiorentina's president. But if the parting had weighed on Baggio, it did not show at the World Cup, where he scored the most memorable goal of the 1990 tournament, moving from the halfway line through three

Czechoslovak defenders to shoot majestically past the goalkeeper, Jan Yet there was an inconsistency about Baggio then, a suspicion that his hypnotic movement and God-given control were incompatible with

Italian play. Azeglio Vicini, the 1990 team manager, said so. "Baggio," he stated, "is a dilemma for us — a sort of land mine in the

E XIT VICINI. Roberto Baggio is today the Italian team. The catalyst, the playmaker, goal scorer, and captain. Arrigo Saachi, who relieved Vicini of the team management, has reversed the dilemma. His selections have varied through 64 players in 19 international squads, but Baggio has, injury apart, always been the No. 10.

The cuip by Michel Platini, a previous Juventus star, that Baggio was "a number nine and a half," neither creator nor striker, has been buried. Baggio steals goals of rare beauty. His ratio has crept up on us. He has hit a century of goals in the Italian first division in almost exactly 200 matches. And his 19 goals in 31 games for Italy is just one goal short of the number amassed by Paolo Rossi, the god of the 1982 World Cup, in

Statistics do not begin to define Baggio. He still cannot be pinned

down to orthodoxy, opponents still cannot be sure where he will pop up. and he finds space with the instinct of geese gliding in arrow formation. mi Agnelli, the paymaster at Juventus and Ferrari, has grown content with Montezemolo's expensive acquisition. Two never really liked Baggio's ponytail," Agnelli said, "but if he goes on like this, he can grow dreadlocks for all I care."

That approval came after Baggio transcended the UEFA Cup final in May, when Juventus won, 6-1, against Borussia Dortmund. "I have been spoiled in my time," Agnelli admitted, "I have had Sivori, Charles, Bettega, Brady and Platmi in my teams."

It was a while before Giovanni Trapattoni, the demanding coach at Juventus, also put Baggio on a pedestal. Indeed, Baggio, an artist who needs appreciation, had once quietly gone to the home of Montezemolo seeking reassurance.

Shortly afterward, Trapattoni, also taken back to Juventus by Montezemolo, said: "Roberto has shown that he can become one of the greatest players in the history of football."

That from the arch disciplinarian of coaching, is as high as praise comes. Trapattoni knows, and certainly Baggio knows, that fleeting soccer stardom is won on perseverence.

Baggio's youth was as pained as van Basten's latter years have become. At 15, at 17, and then for two years of 1986 and '87, his career was threatened by injuries unsurprising in an athlete who stands 5 feet, 7 inches and weighs barely 158 pounds (1.70 meters, 71.7 kilograms). That Baggio, 26, is on the threshold of world recognition testifies in

large measure to the observation, before his birth, from Thomas Edison. that "genins is I percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration." Rob Haghes is on the stuff of The Times.



China Mines Its First Gold at the Asian Track and Field Games

The Chinese team in Manila on Tuesday, where it was expected to dominate the 10th Asian Track and Field Championships. China picked up the gold in women's discus, with Cao Qi's winning throw of 61.58 meters. Saad Cheddad Mouzaaze of Saudi Arabia won the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 8:32.08. The Chinese team features Wang Junxia, the women's world record holder in the 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters, and Qu Yunxia, with the 1,500-meter women's record.

Court in Istanbul Orders Release Of the 6 Jailed Manchester Fans

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ISTANBUL - A Turkish court ordered the release Tuesday of six Manchester United soccer fans who had been jailed for nearly a month on charges of ransacking a hotel.

The six, taken from jail to a criminal court under tight security, were accused of disorderly conduct, vandalism and drunken behavior. They are John Cunningham, 39, of Humberside; Graham Cross, 38, of Manchester; Michael Shelton, 27, of Wolverhampton; and Kevin Doherty, 29, Danny Humphries, 31, and Andrew

Phipps, 30, all from Birmingham.

Judge Necati Ascioglu ordered their release for lack of evidence that any particular defen-

dant caused the property damage. The court will continue to investigate who was responsible for the violence, the judge said. As the six left the court, they were jeered by a group of Turkish onlookers.

A British consulate spokeswoman said the six would return to the prison to sign their release papers, then go to police headquarters to retrieve

England's Savage Tamed

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Joe Savage, who has billed himself as England's bare-knuckle champion and all-around tough guy, has dropped out of Sanarday night's 16-man, elimi-

nation boxing tournament with a thumb injury,

long media blitz touting the tournament in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, had insisted he would

Savage, a main attraction during the month-

take the \$1 million winner's purse "on sheer strength and brutality." Others said Smith "woke up" to what professional boxing is like.

Talks between the NHL and its striking on-

(AP)

ice officials resumed Tuesday in Montreal, with

the first face-to-face meeting between the two

sides since Nov. 22. (AP)
Andre Agassi has entered the Australian

Open in January, tournament officials said in

will miss the short course world championships next month because of a shoulder joint injury

John Stiegderwald in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: "The fact that more Americans would

rather watch bowling than hockey says a lot more about Americans than it does about

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their passports and fly back to England on

Wednesday. Nearly 200 English fans were detained Nov. 3 following a disturbance at a hotel in Istanbel, hours before Manchester United was eliminated by the local club Galatasaray in the European Champions' Cup tournament The six men were jailed, while the rest were

• Striker Niall Quinn, a key player in Ireiand's march to the 1994 World Cup finals, may not be able to play in the tournament in the United States because of a severe knee injury.

Quinn's English club, Manchester City, said Tuesday the 27-year-old forward was had torn ligaments and could be sidelined for at least eight months. Quinn hurt his knee just before halftime of a 3-

I loss at home to Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday. Exploratory surgery Monday revealed the problem to be the same injury that put England's Paul Gascoigne out of action for 16 months three (AP. Reuters)

Hunt's Legacy: Going in Štyle

LONDON - Auto racing champion James Hunt's last request was that his friends should have a party with £5,000 (\$7,400) he had set aside for a wake, his

Hunt, who died of a heart attack June 15, at age 45, left instructions for the funds to go to his brother. Peter, for him to arrange a wake "in the style he knows I would wish."

Hunt, who earned a wild and glamor ous image during his career, won the Formula One title in 1976 and three years later retired with a multi-millionpound fortune. But the will showed that just £376,900 (\$557,600) remained of an estate worth £1.23 million before tax and debt repayments. The money was left to his partner and his two small children.

will published Tuesday showed.

wake had already been held privately.



HOW ABOUT...? — Trainer Ray Ruffles and Wally Masur discussed strategy Tuesday in Disseldorf, where Australia will take on Germany this weekend in the Davis Cup final. start since bruising his right shoul- standing collegiate football player.

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Cherry said. Jacksonville is ranked No. 56 among television markets, the lowest of all bidders. It ranks just behind Charleston. West Virginia, and ahead of Fresno, California. The Jaguars will be northern Florida's first professional franchise. College sports, particularly

Jacksonville had franchises in the former World Football League in the 1970s and the now-defunct United States Football League in the 1980s. The Bulls led the USFL in attendance.

NFL Awards Franchise to Jacksonville

The Associated Press der eight weeks ago, gave the ROSEMONT. Illinois — Jacksonville, Florida. the longest shot in the field when expansion discussions started, was awarded the 30th in a 31-0 romp over the Indianapo-National Football League fran-chise on Tuesday and will begin need of winning. The Associated play in 1995 as the Jaguars.

Jacksonville beat out Baltimore, Memphis. Tennessee, and St. Louowners awarded Charlotte. North Carolina, the 29th franchise, which will be known as the Carolina Pan-

thers.
The Jaguars will play in the renovated Gator Bowl.

The decision came on the first ballot. Needing 21 votes, threeand the New England Patriots voted for St. Louis.

Jacksonville was such a longshot sacks. that at one point during the summer it actually dropped out of the bidding process. It reapplied at the urging of Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and some owners who were impressed with the leader of its proposal, J. Wayne Weaver. The best known member of the

Jacksonville group is the former with one setting up the Chargers Kansas City Chiefs All-Pro safety third touchdown, on a 1-yard run

Deron Cherry. When the owners adjourned last month, St. Louis was thought to be the favorite because the NFL wanted at least one city that previously

Anthony Johnson, stopped India-

had had a team to get an expansion St. Louis lost the Cardinals to Phoenix in 1989 and Baltimore lost the Colts to Indianapolis in 1984. The Jaguars, like the Panthers. will pay a \$140 million fee to enter

the league.

"I think the city, for one, and the business community in Jacksonville really did a tremendous job of getting back into the picture," Cherry said. "But I think the reason why is Wayne Weaver. The people of Jacksonville deserve this. They really supported football over the years, and now they get their

When the owners selected Charlotte on Oct. 26 and adjourned without picking a second franchise, it was assumed that the delay was to give the owners time to evaluate the new St. Louis owner, Stan Kroenke.

But since then, Baltimore got a new ownership group headed by Alfred Lerner, a part owner of the Cleveland Browns, a move that could have won him a bloc of sunport from "old-guard" teams. "With the problems they had in

St. Louis and Baltimore with the ownership groups, for whatever reason, kind of cleared the way,"

football, are popular in northern Florida and southeastern Georgia.

■ Chargers Find Cure: Colts Stan Humphries, making his first Press reported.

Keeping the Colts guessing by going to eight different receivers. is, Missouri, for the final spot in the Humphries completed 12 of 19 new alignment. Five weeks ago, the passes for 171 yards in the first half Monday night, and hit five straight for 81 yards on the visiting Chargers' second possession.

That 97-yard drive was San Die-go's longest of the season, while a 39-yard TD pass to Shawn Jefferson on the second play of the second quarter was Humphries's longquarters of the league membership, est completion this season, Jacksonville received 26. The Phila- Jefferson's longest reception and delphia Eagles voted for Baltimore his first touchdown of the year. For the game, Humphries was 16

of 25 with no interceptions and no San Diego, the AFC West chain-

pion a year ago, has been beset by injuries this season and had lost five of its past seven games. The Colts have lost four straight and seven of their last eight.

They also lost the ball on an interception, and twice on fumbles. by Marion Butts on the first play of the fourth quarter. The interception by Stanley

napolis threat at the San Diego 3 in the first quarter. The Chargers gained 474 yards to 262 for the Colts, who now have

gone nine straight quarters without touchdown. ■ West Virginia: More Sugar

After an emotional but unsuccessful lobbying effort to be voted into a game against the No. 1 team in the nation, West Virginia University is prepared to decline an invitation to the Cotton Bowl in favor of a trip to the Sugar Bowl, a college football game against a low-er-ranked opponent but with a check that is more than \$1 million larger, The New York Times re-

"Unless there's something out there that I don't understand. West Virginia will be extended the bid and will accept," Mike Tranghese, the commissioner of the Big East Conference, said Tuesday,

He said he had been told that the West Virginia administration had informed Cotton Bowl official that the school preferred to play in New Orleans against the winner of Saturday's Southeastern Conference championship game between Alabama and Florida, rather than meeting Southwest Conference champion Texas A&M in Dallas.

The Sugar Bowl awards each participant more than \$4.1 million, compared to the Cotton Bowl's payout of \$3.1.

If West Virginia follows through on its plan. Notre Dame, which had anticipated a Sugar Bowl invita-tion, would be left with no choice but a return to the Cotton Bowl for a second consecutive game against Texas A&M.

• Two days after turning in the most spectacular performance of his spectacular career, Florida State's slippery, slide-away quar-terback, Charlie Ward, won the Walter Camp award as the out-

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Keeping Up With 'Gat'

By Russell Baker NEW YORK — It is astonishing how much there is to keep up with, and how little time there is to do it. A few people - President Clinton comes to mind - seem able to keep up with everything but everybody else has to say, "Sor-

ry, dear Loui, but life is too short." I pick Loni at random as a human metaphor for all those things I am unable to keep up with because of the time shortage. I might just as well have picked the Uruguay Round of GATT negotiations.

I have been not keeping up with GATT, always pronounced "Gat," since 1972. That year when somebody told me I "ought to get a good grip on Gat," I laughed. It was hard to believe that anything called Gar could last long enough to justify the exertions needed to get a grip on it.

Well, here it is 1993, and Gat is still with us, or at least with the Uruguayans, poor devils. Do I feel like a bad sport for refusing to honor Gat now by promising to keep up with it from now on?

Not at all. If I had spent those years keeping up with Gat I proba-bly wouldn't have had time to keep up with Burt, which brings us back to Loni. For months Loni's name has filled the celebrity journals, al-ways in tandem with Burt's.

Thanks to my refusal to keep up with Gat, I know that Burt is the movie actor Burt Reynolds, who once seemed likely to be the new Clark Gable but had to settle for TV sitcom stardom after Hollywood failed to turn up a new Spen-

Of what use was a new Clark Gable without a new Spencer Tracy to keep teaching the new Clark Gable humility in picture after picture?

Of course, after Burt Reynolds failed to become the new Clark Gable, keeping up with him turned out to be as big a mistake as not keeping up with Gat had been, but at least you didn't have to stand around at parties saying "Gat" out loud.

On the other hand, having wasted time keeping up with Burt, I have no trouble saying, "Sorry, Loni, but I'm storing you back in the empty part of the skull with Gat."

There are some things I'd really like to keep up with but cannot

because of a personal defect. This is the same defect that made it so hard to keep up with college chemistry that I had to drop the course after two weeks.

Michael Jackson, for instance, is as tough for me as college chemistry. Lately, with so much news about his mysterious global journeying, I feel obliged at least to fake a show of interest in this monumentally vital story, but it simply doesn't work.

While trying to keep up with Jackson I did manage to learn that he was either sexually abused in childhood or has been accused of sexually abusing children. This may have been why I seem completely powerless to keep up with him.

Unfortunately, present-day literature, social workers and the media have persuaded me that child abuse is practically universal these days. lackson's case would probably be more engaging if he were to be exposed as one of those rare Americans who are neither abusers nor

This brings us to the "information superhighway," an odious term if there ever was one. All it means is that unless you want to feel as antique as spats you will soon have to re-mortgage the house to buy more electronic gadgets that do things you don't need done but which you can't resist doing anyhow because every-

body else will be doing them.

To prepare for this beeping. complicated, time-consuming, digital nightmare I must quit keeping up with something equally complex and time-consum

Not only must RAM and ROM now be mastered, then kept up with, but also CD-ROM, the sendreceive fax modem, the noninterlaced color monitor, the built-in voice messaging center . . .

This sounds almost as incompre hensible as professional football. with which I have been keeping up for years, which suggests a way to make room in life for the informa-

tion superhighway. Hasn't professional football become dulier than RAM and ROM since it quit being about the Giants, Packers and the Baltimore Colts and expanded to 850 teams? So long, pulled hamstrings; hello, digital nightmare!

New York Times Service

Jazz in Marciac: Free-Trade Bellwether?

International Herald Tribune

D ARIS — Europe gave the world jazz festivals. They began in, of all places, Poland in the late '40s and grew into major tourist attractions in the '60s and 70s in such unlikely places as Montreux, The Hague, Pori, Finland,

Styles and presentation may vary, but they have one thing in common. They are all subsidized to some degree by the public sector on local, regional and/or state levels. One of the best, "Jazz in Marciac" in the Gers region in southwestern France, receives support from the Ministry of Culture, the Conseil Général du Gers, the Conseil Regional Midi Pyrénées and the local chamber of commerce, plus corporate sponsors.

The Gers is a beautiful out-of-the-way region known for its food, foie gras in particular, and fine wines like Côtes Saint-Mont. The festival's organizers boast that with a 5.5 million franc budget (nearly \$1 million), it is one of the most important cultural attractions in their region. Except for three secretaries, none of the staff is salaried. The president and founder Jean-Louis Guilhaumon, 45, headmaster of the local high school, thanks the late American expatriate trumpeter Bill Coleman, who lived in the neighboring village of Cadeilhan, for helping them get started as a Dixieland festival in 1978.

This is a fairy tale: Provincial people turning their remote province into a center on their own terms by investing their time and energy in a deprived art form they love even though it is not from their own culture. They take great care not to "ruin" their village, population

The small farms and vineyards around Marciac are owned and run by the kind of people the French government claims GATT would hurl. The jazz festival attracts 70,000 visitors for a week in August. Most of them drink the area's excellent wine — Vintage Oscar Peterson, Stan Getz, Lionel Hampton, etc. - and all of them eat. Is this not an indirect subsidy? If the French government, recently accused of being anti-American, cannot subsidize its own farmers will subsidies for a small American art form also disappear? Will France be willing to continue to support American jazz while forbidden to protect its own film industry? Just about all French festivals feature mostly Americans. In Marciac, no exception, the leaders bring their own sidemen. Because of a combination of bad marketing by the French and American work-permit regu-lations the reverse is next to impossible for world-class

The number of American jazz festivals has been growing, thanks to the European example. Now we come to a new level of influence; jumelage (twinning) as proclaimed in Marciac in two languages on Nov. 6: "Once upon a time there were two little villages, twin brothers, so united in their love of jazz that they were known as Jazz in Marciac and Jazz Aspen at Snowmass. Their union sealed today is a true story, symbolic and brotherly, a story of music and

Snowmass, population 1,500, is a village next door to Aspen, Colorado. The document is signed by Guilhaumon, the mayors of both "little villages" and James Horowitz, president of Jazz Aspen, who passed through Paris on his way to the ceremony. Horowitz is a talkative man with a lot of energy who apparently does not suffer from jet lag. He was so inspired when he first visited Marciac as Monty Alexander's agent and manager in 1989



James Horowitz, president of Jazz Aspen: Once upon a time there were two little villages.

that he invested "hideons amounts of money and time" to get Jazz Aspen off the ground in 1991.

"Marciac took my breath away," he said, "I wasn't prepared for how good it was on all levels the quality of management, their attention to detail, the beautiful location, their tremendous regional pride, plus their obvious ove for the music and of course the wonderful food."

Marciac is in Gascony, the land of the Three Musketeers. The citizens are open and warm, southern and welcoming. It's not a place you pass through to get anywhere else so they figure that if you're there, it's because you want to be. And they want to make you welcome. There is dancing in the bulling after the concerts until dawn. They open their 12th-century church to gospel and spiritual music concerts. In their museum, Le Territoire du Jazz, you go from room to room wearing earphones watching videos recounting the history of jazz. from gospel to belop. Is all of this not a bellwether of free

For Horowitz, who had wanted to start a festival for years, Marciac was "a lighthouse, a beacon. It was a place nobody ever heard of, a nontouristic village off the bea path. I thought that if they could do it why can't I do it in Aspen? Twinning the two festivals takes Aspen out of the realm of being just another jazz festival. Last year we turned the corner after moving to Snowmass, where the atmosphere was more welcoming. We hold our concerts in

a tent like Marciac's and we tip our hat by calling it Le

Cirque du Jazz." Although Aspen had a tradition of support for the arts, jazz was not part of it as in France. Horowitz calls France "jazz crazy since World War II." Both siblings avoid fusion (Chick Corea plays acoustic only) and the avantgarde. Both program theme nights — the blues, a tribute to Billie Holiday, post-loop, etcetera. They try to present the same acts. The Modern Jazz Quartet played both in 1991, Michel Petrucciani played Marciac in 1992, Aspen this year. They both like exclusivity—the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra led by Wynton Marsalis came to Europe for the first time for Marciac only.

Next year Jazz Aspen (end of June) and Jazz in Marciac (Ang 8 to 15) will exchange delegations, with the mayors, sponsors, directors and staff visiting each other. "The thing I learned from Marciac," Horowitz said, "is the way they use their regional personality to infuse structure to their events. We do that in Aspen, even though the regions

"Aspen thrives on tourism, it's good at hosting people. My dream was that Aspen would help Americans discover Marciac, which is happening. Marciac has been written up in the U. S. press. It would be wonderful if the same public could become part of both festivals. What can happen over a period of time is that a real relationship can develop where people in the two communities get to know each other through their common love."

PEOPLE

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Creative Accounting, Batman Department

Creative accounting, Hollywood-style? Even though the 1989 blockbuster movie "Batman" took in 51.2 billion, it is still losing \$13 million on paper, according to a lawyer for an independent company suing Warner Bros. Tom Girardi, representing Batfilm Productions, which acquired the rights to the comic book superhero, charged that Warner was using dubious accounting practices to deprive it of money. The Los Angeles civil case is the latest in a series of suits dealing with Hollywood accounting practices.

Eton College, the educational cra-dle of Britain's ruling class, has announced the appointment of the first foreign headmaster since its founding in 1440. John Lewis, 51, a New Zealand classicist who once taught at Eton, will replace Eric Anderson, who retires next year.

Victor Vasarely, a champion of the Op Art movement, has returned his French Legion of Honor award in a dispute over his art foundation in the southern city of Aix-en-Provence. In an open letter to President François Mitterrand, the 88-yearold painter said the government had failed to act to stop what he called embezzlement and misappropriation of some of his works. He is engaged in a legal battle between his family and the foundation over control of his works.

Jermaine Jackson has threat-ened to sue the London Daily Express for \$200 million if it does not retract an article that quoted him as saying he doubted the innocence of his brother, Michael, on allegations of child molestation. Jermaine Jackson said he never spoke with the paper. "It is false. And it is wrong. And they will pay," he said.

The pop singer Meat Loaf, victim of a theft at a Paris amport, has offered \$1,000 for the recovery of a bag containing his papers and credit cards. It was unclear whether the cards carried the name Meat Loaf or his real name of Marvin Lee Adley.

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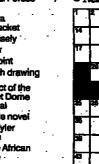
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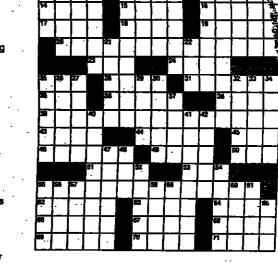
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